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AIR ROUTES AND DIPLOMATIC OBSTINACY.

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To the East.

Another axiom of maritime intercourse is that its extension, both in visitors and trade, adds to national prosperity. In European countries it may be a long time before this is true of aerial traffic: though the hope of its being so is not merely illusory, as certain schools of thought are wont to maintain. But in the great desert countries of Asia and Africa, whose prosperity and place in the modern world are entirely dependent on improved communications, air routes are a factor of the greatest importance. In Persia and in large parts of Russia, thanks to German enterprise, aeroplanes have been the normal means of travel for the last five years. India, on the other hand, the flattest country in the world, has not even the hope of a single internal air-service, save the incidental transit from Karachi to Calcutta.

The Red Tape Route.

The route from Croydon to Australia crosses more frontiers than any in the world and serves as an apt illustration of the existing obstacles. Owing to the exorbitance of the Italian demands, the original Mediterranean course has had to be abandoned for one through Central Europe, over which the weather conditions in winter are difficult and often impossible. But the Italian demands were only a just retaliation for our own persistent refusal to allow an Italian service to Egypt.

In Egypt, had Mr. Henderson's recent negotiations been successful, the proposed extension to the Cape would have been obstructed by a demand that all pilots should be Egyptians. According to present arrangements, the extension will have been completed by the end of next year. Even so, its maintenance and personnel will necessarily be the subject of further dispute during the next attempt to restore Egypt's independence.

Nationalism Run Mad.

In Persia, our diplomacy could not prevent a two years' delay in the inauguration of the service; even now we have only received a three years' concession for one flight each way a week, accompanied by disastrous stipulations for the Persian ground personnel at the aerodromes.

In India the nationalist demands are similar to those of Egypt, and have been temporarily overcome by the fiction of an "Indian State Air Service." But even this device has only succeeded in extending the route as far as Delhi. Further progress appears to be indefinitely obstructed by the Indian Government's refusal to contribute to the expenses of any service but one that is actually its own.

Dutch Set Right Example.

Finally, there comes the question of the Dutch East Indies. Though the Dutch have done everything in their power to help us, even publishing a guide to their aerodromes in Dutch and English, during the greater part of the present year the British authorities have deliberately prevented them from maintaining their East Indies service across India, on the plea that the Indian aerodromes were undergoing repairs. Recently, permission has been granted them to resume. But even so, they are not allowed to fetch or deliver letters in India, and are thus prevented from giving British business the much needed assistance which is denied it by the obstructionist attitude of the Indian Government.

By pursuing a policy similar to ours in their colonies, the Dutch could effectually prevent the England-Australia route from ever materialising. Fortunately for us their intention is to refrain from so doing. For they see, if our experts do not, that the economic future of flying depends on the freedom of the air. If England is not much hindered against sailing, she ought at least to imitate the Dutch by setting an example to the world. For it is she that has most at stake. And unless the advantages of air-transportation are demonstrated to the countries of the world, her Imperial services are destined to indefinite obstruction in the future.

THE MUD-SLINGING MOTORIST.

MORE SHOCKS FOR CAR OWNERS?

Motor-owners have been hypnotised by talk of the speed-limit abolition, compulsory insurance and physical fitness that the majority believe—now that these things are practically settled—that they are out of danger except as regards their own acts on the road, says a correspondent in a London paper.

I would like to draw attention to a part of the Road Traffic Act which has still to be considered and which, in the opinion of many, is full of possible irritation to owners and drivers.

These regulations concern the construction and use of motor vehicles, including private cars, and the first confidential conference on this subject took place recently at the Ministry of Transport. The entire design of motors came under review at this conference.

On the List.

The list of suggested alterations and modifications sent out by the Ministry, in secret form, to all motoring bodies, would fill nearly four columns of this newspaper. Suggestions include regulations concerning brakes, tyres, glass, mudguards, running boards, and even the width of invalid chairs. The wording implies drastic interference with brakes, the compulsory fitting of pneumatic tyres on all vehicles, the compulsory use of unsplinterable glass on all vehicles, and a scrapping of the present system of mudguards with new width, length and curve measurements.

So far, the Minister of Transport has been reasonable in dealing with Part I of the Act, and he recently stated that he had no intention of dealing harshly with existing vehicles, but later he caused widespread uneasiness by talking of "animated incoherence."

Most people would say that the compulsory fitting of pneumatic tyres would not affect the car owner. There are, however, thousands of farmers and small tradesmen using a light car fitted with solid tyres who would be affected by such a regulation, for the solid-tired vehicle they use is the best for the job.

The unsplinterable glass suggestion as a safety move could not be opposed, but before such a regulation is adopted would it be unreasonable to ask the Minister to appoint an independent committee to report on unsplinterable glass with the object of fixing a standard of immunity from splintering, permanency of composition, and permanency of colour?

The brakes and mudguard regulations are another idea for greater road safety, but is there any necessity for the regulation? Has anything in the car a higher standard of constructional progress than brakes? The confidential draft regulation as explained to me will further harass motor owners.

Under the Act a force of inspectors can be appointed to test and inspect any motor vehicle on any road, or with the consent of the owner—in any garage, and, further, the police could stop any motor vehicle and call for a test of brakes.

The Pedestrian.

Respecting mudguards and running boards the confidential suggested regulations are far-reaching. There are three points of view to consider—those of the pedestrian, the motor-user and the car-maker. The pedestrian unquestionably has a right to be protected from annoyances and damage caused by mud and filth, thrown up by the wheels of a motor vehicle.

But does the Ministry know sufficient of one of the most difficult points in car construction to be considered competent to frame a regulation which will protect the walker, and, at the same time, not put makers and users of motor vehicles to inconvenience and loss? The trade itself does not know, and the mud-slinging prevention.

Not so Simple.

The subject is far from simple. The shape of the wing, the shape of the body, the shape and size of the tyre—even the mould of the tread pattern—the shape of everything about the car, as well as the speed at which the car is driven, all have an effect on the wind acting on the mud splashes.

I confess that I, like most users who drive in all weathers, would welcome interference by the Ministry forcing alterations and modifications to the present general system of motor-car mudguarding, but only after the most careful scientific investigation. As it is, suggested new regulations, as in the case of a possibility of car obstruction being interfered with without remedying the known evils.

SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES.

JEWELS THAT ARE NEGLECTED.

"Semi-precious" is an unfortunate epithet for the jewellers to have chosen. It is like an Order of Merit of the second class, for it seems to imply a vast gulf between the first rank and the second; and when we choose a jewel, especially if we are making a present, we are apt, from a natural pride, to turn our attention to the exclusively precious stones and choose even a very small diamond, ruby, emerald, or sapphire, rather than have our gift associated with the derogatory description "semi-precious." And so a great many gem-stones of exquisite and peculiar beauty are most unworthily neglected and are seldom given the chance of being appreciated as they deserve.

Ask the jeweller to show you some of these little-known beauties and see whether they do not shimmer and glow in the sunshine as preciously as they do in poets' pages. Now is the time to make their acquaintance, for their merits are beginning to be recognised, they are to be seen more often in the windows of fashionable and eclectic jewellers, and soon their prices will rise to a level commensurate with their beauty. And then the epithet "semi-precious" will seem more inappropriate than ever.

There are at least three semi-precious stones that challenge the more precious of all on its own ground, for they have that property of flashing out sparks of coloured fire which is generally supposed to be uniquely a quality of the diamond. They are the green garnet or demantoid, the sphen, and the zircon.

Green Garnets.

It seems a contradiction in terms to speak of a green garnet, for we naturally think of a garnet as a bright red stone, of a shade that suggested pomegranate seeds to the ancients, but would more immediately recall the best red-currant jelly nowadays. However, a green stone was found in the Ural Mountains about the end of the last century and, as it turned out to be mineralogically a garnet, it is entitled to the name. Jewellers prefer to call it an olivine, perhaps because the word "garnet" suggests cheapness and the green garnet does not share this quality with the rest of its family, but "olivine" is properly a second name for the peridot.

The stone is a vivid but delicate green, which varies from the sunlit, slightly yellow-green of spring to pure emerald green. But, unlike the velvety emerald, it scintillates with little flashes of coloured fire when it catches the light and in this quality is absolutely distinct. Unfortunately it usually occurs in small pieces, and large, flawless specimens of good colour are rare and expensive. But, even the tiniest stones show their peculiar character and are wonderfully brilliant when they are set sparkling round a diamond or a white sapphire.

The Sphen.

The sphen is a yellow, greenish-brown or bottle-green stone, which, at its best, can rival the diamond as a sparkler. It is optically as hard as the diamond, and if it is set in a ring for everyday use, it may show signs of wear. On the other hand, fairly large specimens are easily obtainable, and a fine golden-yellow specimen will stand out radiantly in a brooch or pendant, dispersing its own peculiar sunlight. In its laurel-leaf and bottle-green shades it is a striking gem with which to match a fashionable colour.

The zircon is one of the most undervalued neglected of the semi-precious stones, but there are signs that its beauty is beginning to be more generally appreciated. Several magnificent zircon rings were recently to be seen in the window of a well-known jeweller in London. One was a fine claret-coloured stone, set in diamonds, with a tiny exclamation mark of minute emeralds on the shoulder of the ring; another was a light golden-brown. All of them showed their characteristic fire where the light struck them.

The zircon is found in nearly every colour, including a curious, rather metallic blue, but the reddish brown variety, known as the jacinth, is the most familiar, particularly because it has that good fortune (which is common to many precious stones) but his

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CHARABANC BAN.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM.

Motor coaches may be banned from the West End of London.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Transport, has appointed a Committee of five, including representatives of Scotland Yard and the Home Office, to investigate the problem of motor-coaches in the London area, and has asked that recommendations should be made before Dec. 31, if possible. The special task of the committee will be to inquire into the use by motor-coaches of roads within a mile and a half of Charing Cross and to consider if it would be in the public interest, from the points of view of travel convenience and the relief of street congestion, to prohibit the entry of such vehicles into a defined area.

It is understood that Scotland Yard and the Home Office are vinced the Minister of the need of strongly in favour of action on these lines and that they have drastic regulations.

In the talk that preceded the appointment of the Committee Mr. Morrison pointed out that in little more than a year the number of motor-coaches using road sites in London for embarking passengers had grown from 600 to more than 1,300, and that about 5,000 motor coaches were entering London daily.

BEAUTY—EVERY WOMAN'S JOB.

According to a famous American beauty specialist, women are vainest between the ages of thirty and fifty. But surely he is mistaking vanity for a perfectly natural desire to retain the attractiveness of youth as long as possible!

Most women of forty-five who take pains with their appearance, even going to the extent of some of this "beauty" specialist's clients and spending \$400 a year in his salon, are not seeking indiscriminate admiration, which is the essence of vanity, but are endeavouring to keep beautiful as a duty to themselves to other members of their sex, and to the men—they meet.

One of woman's chief functions in life is to be attractive in appearance. If all women over thirty decided that beauty culture was vanity and was to be condemned as such, what novelists call "the glory of womanhood" would lose most of its significance.

Beauty culture should be the woman's interpretation of *esprit de corps*. A woman who lets her beauty disappear before she has tried prolonging it with the aid of modern science is betraying her sex.

Men—most men, at least—look up to women, not because of their brains, but because of their beauty, in its varying degrees.

A middle-aged woman can help her husband enormously by keeping as youthful in appearance as possible. Beauty is a great mental tonic. A frowzy, prematurely old, willfully aged woman can make a man feel that he has all the cares of the world on his shoulders. Women are in the world for other definite purposes than the managing homes and the bearing of children. One of these is to put beauty into what might otherwise be a dreary landscape.

In doing this, and in prolonging it as long as possibly by every known means, they are not being vain. They are just performing a natural and laudable action.

been denied to the zircon) of acquiring a beautiful name. Jacinth is the Greek word "jacinth," as it came to us through the old French, but no one seems to know why the stone, which the Greeks knew by the musical name leucurion should have been called after the friend of Apollo. Its colour, a clear brown with warm, reddish lights, suggests the most glorious shade of auburn hair, and it is the jewel of jewels for those who can match it.

The zircon which cannot be classified as jacinth are sometimes known indiscriminately as "jagrons," and whether the word, which comes from Persia, means "gold" or "fire," it is very appropriate to the fine orange-red varieties, which seem to gather all the warmest tones of autumn, and of flame and burn with a fiercer brilliance than even the Fire Opal of Zimapan.

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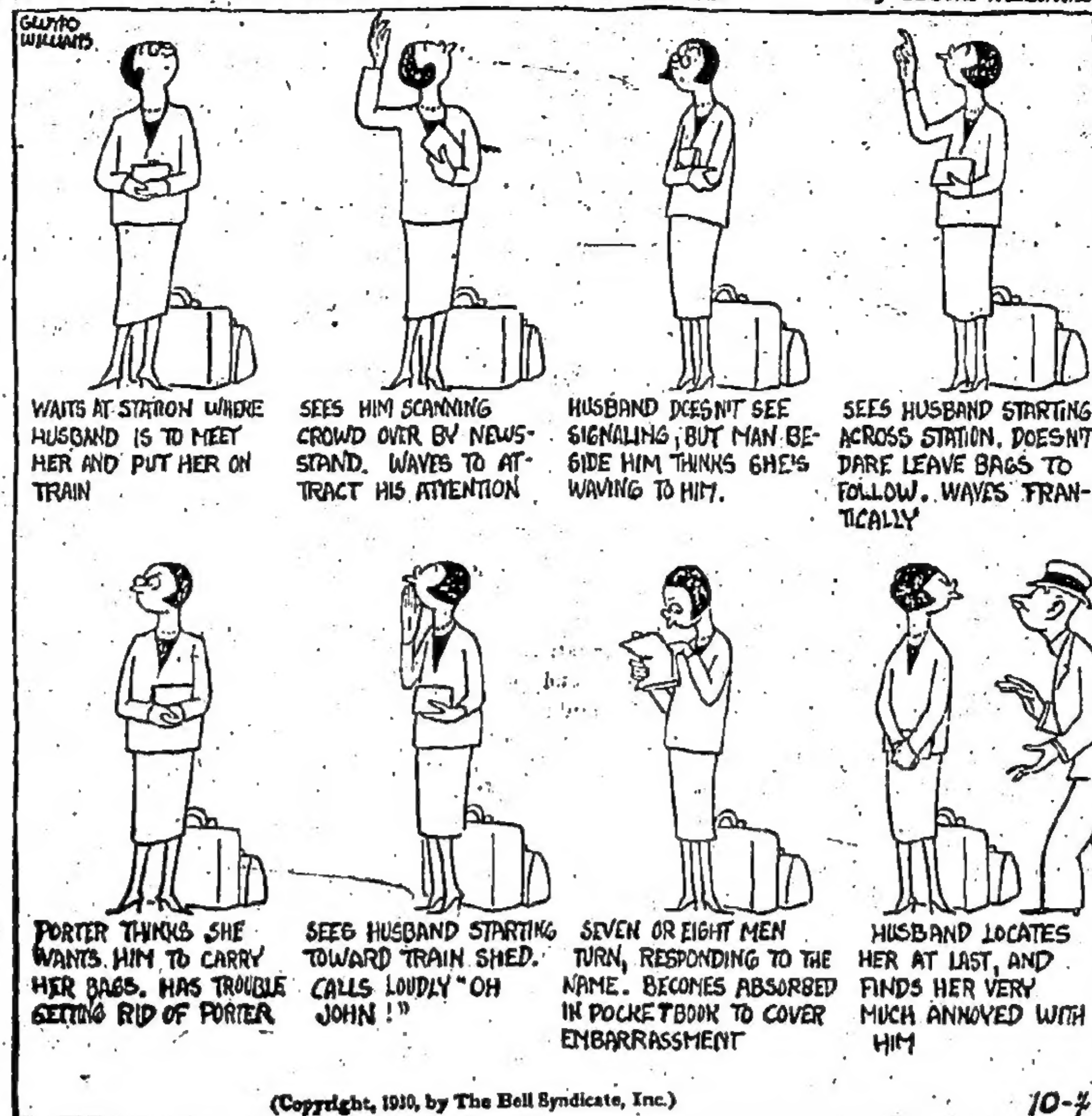
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THE SILVER SCREEN.

"LET'S GO NATIVE."

The New York musical stage has contrived four of the featured players in the cast of "Let's Go Native," the musical frolic to be seen and heard as the main item on the programme at the Central Theatre all this week. Jeanette MacDonald, Jack Oakie, James Hall and Skeets Gallagher all established reputations in Broadway musical comedy productions before entering moving pictures.

Hall was the first to leave the stage for the screen, Oakie and Gallagher were next, arriving in Hollywood shortly before celluloid became articulate. Hall was Clara Bow's leading man in two pictures, Oakie and Gallagher did big parts in the silents, being teamed for work in their first all-talking production "Close Harmony."

Miss MacDonald's debut was in "The Love Parade" as Maurice Chevalier's leading lady. Her next part was the romantic lead in Dennis King's "The Vagabond King."

In addition to this quartette of Broadway graduates others in the cast of "Let's Go Native" are Kay Francis, William Powell's wife in "Street of Chance," Eugene Pallette, the blundering Sergeant Heath of the S.S. Van Dine murder mystery pictures; William Austin, the veteran English character player of "Sweetie" and the Dr. Fu Manchu pictures; and David Nowell, the handsome youth who played supporting roles in "The Kibitzer," "Marriage Playground" and a number of other talking pictures.

"ANNA CHRISTIE."

Perhaps no living actor has played any one role as many times as George Marion has played the part of old Chris in "Anna Christie," Greta Garbo's first talking picture now at the Queen's Theatre.

When the famous Eugene O'Neill drama was first presented on the stage, Marion appeared throughout the run of 117 performances on Broadway and later played innumerable times on the road.

The veteran actor-producer-playwright again played the part for the silent motion picture in which Blanche Sweet was starred and now he is repeating the role in Miss Garbo's version of the grim waterfront drama.

Marion, nearing 70 years old, is one of the oldest active actors on the stage or screen, having been working continuously since 1872, when he made his debut on the stage. "I haven't yet begun," the old trouper commented, recently, when reminded of his long career, "This talkie business is teaching an old dog new tricks."

Clarence Brown directed the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production. The supporting cast includes Charles Bickford, Mario Dressler, James T. Mack and Lee Phelps.

"ALL QUIET."

More than 2,000 war veterans were employed in the making of "All Quiet on the Western Front," coming to the Queen's Theatre. Most of them were American ex-servicemen. The others were soldiers who had served with the Germans, French, English, Russians and Italians. Sometimes they wore the uniform of France and other times the gray of Germany. For a month and more

they lived together at the huge camp established by Universal on the Irvine ranch, near Los Angeles, sharing the same quarters and food while the battle scenes were being made. There was a perfect spirit of comradeship, the hate of the war forgotten.

Practically every person engaged in filming "All Quiet" had previous military or actual war experience. This was true of women as well as the men. Several of the women appearing in the picture acted as nurses in Europe during the World War.

This unusual picture, one of the greatest war pictures ever made, does not tell a story in the ordinary sense of that word. But it does indicate a larger story, the story of a nation in its reaction to the horrors of war.

The picture, however, is relieved by scores of little touches of humor. Everything vital in Remarque's book has been reserved in this epic film, for Universal has, as promised, kept faith with the work and spirit of the sensational masterpiece of literature.

PICTURE HONOURS FOR THE YEAR.

The long awaited annual merit awards of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts were announced on November 5 at the third annual dinner of the organization. Again Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer walked off with chief honours.

Norma Shearer, versatile M-G-M star, was acclaimed for what this organization terms the best acting performance of the year as a result of her characterization in "The Divorcee." Miss Shearer recently signed a new long-term contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and will soon be seen in an adaptation of Ursula Parrott's novel, "Strangers May Kiss."

Universal's "All Quiet on the Western Front" was voted the best picture of the year, and Lewis Milestone, who wielded the megaphone for the prize-winning picture, was named best director.

George Arliss is designated best actor for his work in "Disraeli," and Wallace Beery's "Big House" performance was rated second to that of Arliss. "Big House" is another Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

Frances Marion, also of M-G-M, won the coveted prize for writing achievement on the basis of her excellent story, "The Big House." Douglas Shearer, sound recording engineer at M-G-M, won the award for the best sound reproduction of the year in "The Big House."

UNNAMED WOMAN PUZZLE.

"ANXIETY" CAUSED TO TWO DIVORCE JUDGES.

"This case caused my brother, Mr. Justice Hill a great deal of anxiety," declared Lord Merrivale, the president, in the Divorce Court. The case before him was a suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Lillian Woolf, of Woburn-mansions, Francis-street, Tottenham Court-road, on the ground that her husband, Mr. Eric Bowers Woolf, had committed misconduct at a Bognor hotel with a woman not named.

Mr. Justice Hill adjourned the case in order that the name of the woman might be ascertained, and when this was not forthcoming he sent the papers to the King's Proctor.

Mr. Victor Russell, for the King's Proctor, said that there had been no result from the inquiries.

Mr. Noel Middleton, for the wife, asked that a decree nisi should be granted after reading the evidence taken at previous hearings.

It was established, he said, that the man was, in fact, at the hotel with the woman. Where a man was found with a woman not his wife occupying a room the court must infer misconduct.

Lord Merrivale: Supposing the woman was the man's mother or sister?

Mr. Middleton: Prima facie, a man does not take his mother, sister or aunt to sleep in the same bedroom.

Lord Merrivale: It depends on what he is about.

Husband's Refusal.

Lord Merrivale, dismissing the petition, said the husband left his wife in January 1929, and in July 1929 the wife received a letter from her husband, in which he wrote:

"As we have both been separated from each other for some months now, I think it only fair to both of us that I should give you grounds for divorce. I have, therefore, enclosed an hotel bill as evidence of where misconduct took place. I trust that this will be sufficient, and thus release us both, when each of us can find our own happiness."

The wife went to solicitors and they wrote and asked for the name of the woman. A petition was filed, and at the hearing Mr. Justice Hill expressed dissatisfaction with the case. The solicitors wrote and said so. They had applied for the name of the woman and had not it.

The husband wrote a second letter in which he stated:

"Once again I must say that I absolutely refuse to give the name and address of this woman, and I may also add that this lady is a perfectly respectable and honourable lady, and most naturally I would not think of acting in this dishonourable way by disclosing her particulars."

The King's Proctor had made inquiries, and the husband maintained the attitude of "No; I shall say nothing about the person."

"I am bound to say," said Lord Merrivale, "that I do not find proof which establishes that this man has committed misconduct."

Lord Merrivale directed that the costs of the wife and of the King's Proctor should be taxed and paid by the husband.

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2 p.m.—Close down.

4 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7 p.m.—European programme of

H.M.V. and Victor records sup-

plied by Messrs. S. Moutrie &

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Variety.

7 to 7.40 p.m.—

Orchestra—"The Singing Fool."

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Song—"I Love a Lassie."—Sir

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Song—"Roamin' in the Gloamin'."

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Recitative—"Going The Pace

That Kills."—John Henry

Song—"Little Log Cabin of

Dreams."—Lambert Murphy

(Tenor).

Recitative—"A Bedtime Story."

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Song—"Tavern Song."—Reinold

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7.40 to 8.30 p.m.—

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Victor Symphony Orchestra.

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Aleina Suite—Minuet-Gavotte.

Tambourine.—Philharmonic

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A Concert.

8.30 to 9 p.m.—

Song—"Nobody Else."—Frances

Aida (Soprano).

Piano Solo—"Nocturne in D."—

Harold Bauer.

Song—"If I Might Only Come

to You."—Derek Oldham

(Tenor).

Violin Solo—"Boating."—Fritz

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Song—"Beloved It Is Morn'g."—

Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Violin Solo—"Gavotte Tendre."—

Pablo Casals.

Violin Solo—"Menuet."—Pablo

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9 p.m.—Weather report, local time.

9.05 to 10.15 p.m.—By kind per-

mission of the Committee of the

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ciety—Relay of the 1st set of

the "Yeomen of the Guard."

Dance Programme.

10.15 to 11 p.m.—

Fox Trot—"Putting on the Ritz."

Fox Trot—"Singing a Vagabond

Song."

Fox Trot—"I'm Feathering a

Nest."

Fox Trot—"I'm Doth' What I'm

Doth' for Love."

Fox Trot—"Am I a Passing

Fancy?"

Fox Trot—"What a Day!"

Fox Trot—"Bashful Baby."

Waltz—"I've Waited a Lifetime

for You."

Fox Trot—"I've Made a Habit

of You."

Fox Trot—"Or What Have

You?"

Fox Trot—"Kids Again."

Fox Trot—"Building a Nest for

Mary."

Fox Trot—"Wake Up: Chillun,

Wake Up."

Fox Trot—"I'm Crazy, Ovey

You."

Waltz—"Just Another Kiss."

Waltz—"If We Never Should

Meet Again."

Fox Trot—"I'd Like to Be a

Gypsy."

Fox Trot—"Under a Texas

Moon."

Fox Trot—"The Rodeo Song."

Fox Trot—"When I'm Looking

at You."

Fox Trot—"Hello Baby!"

Fox Trot—"Until Love Comes

Along."

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

10 a.m.—St. Joseph's Church relay.

Sermon: "The Christian

Family."

12 noon—Chinese programme.

1.30 p.m.—Weather report.

2 p.m.—Close down.

3 to 9 p.m.—European programme

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9 to 10 p.m.—European Studio Con-

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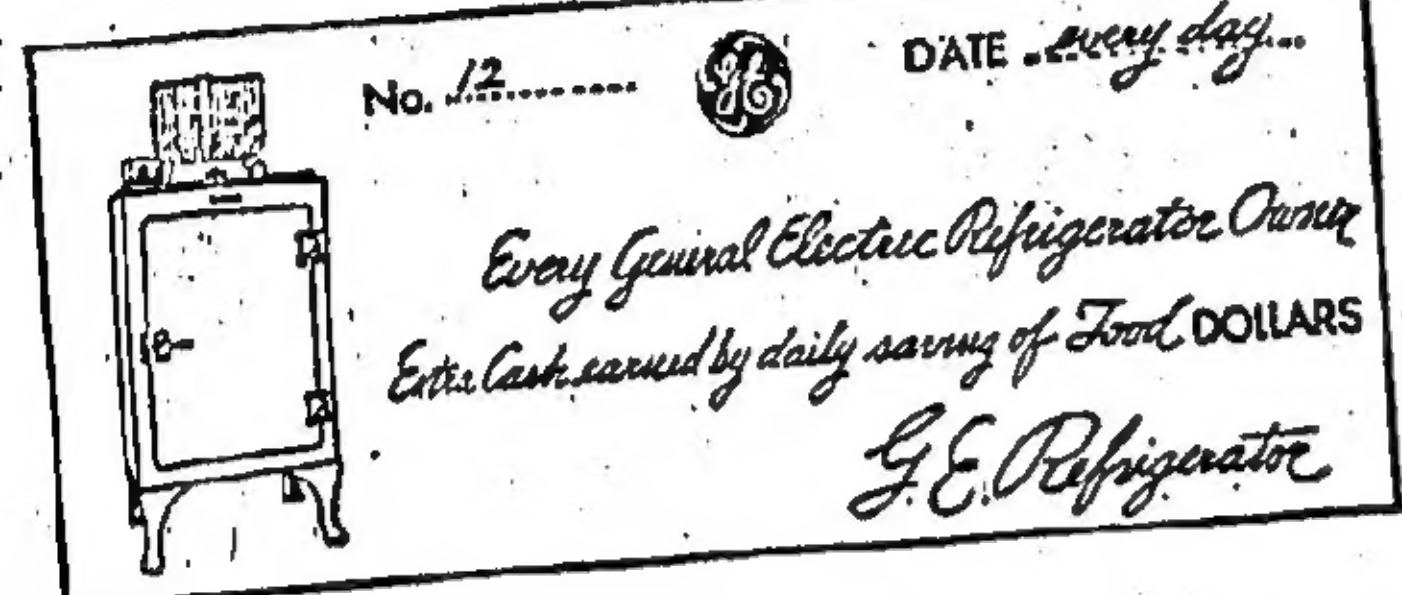
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U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT BILL CUT.

COMMITTEE SUGGESTS REDUCTION OF \$40,000,000.

Washington, December 7.—The sub-committee of the House appropriations committee today busied itself with further consideration of the bill, asked for by President Hoover, which would provide \$150,000,000 for unemployment relief.

The sub-committee reduced the appropriation suggested to \$110,000,000 and then proceeded to draft its report on the measure to the House as a whole. It is predicted that a favourable report on the \$110,000,000 appropriation will be sent out on Tuesday and that the House will act on the bill within a week.

The reduction in the amount originally desired by President Hoover was made necessary, House leaders said, in order to avoid a more serious deficit than the federal government is now facing. With the slash in the suggested appropriation of today, committee consideration of the unemployment relief measure has been completed and only the drafting of the formal report remains.

97-YEAR-OLD CORONER MARRIES.

WOMAN OF 75 AS HIS THIRD WIFE.

Mr. John Graham, of Durham, the oldest coroner in England, who was ninety-seven last July, was married last month at All Saints' Church, Upper Norwood, London. His bride, Miss E. Ashton, of Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham, is nearly seventy years of age.

The ceremony had been kept a close secret, and even Mr. Graham's most intimate friends were unaware of it. Only the two witnesses were present, apart from the bride and groom and the vicar.

The bridegroom, not only the oldest coroner in the country, but believed to be the oldest solicitor. He was the last coroner to be elected by a public vote fifty-seven years ago. He has been married twice before.

Mr. Graham lives near Durham in a house which he has occupied for sixty years. He is still actually coroner, although he does not attend inquests, but carries out most of the other duties connected with the office.

He has held inquests on thirty-one persons hanged in Durham Gaol, and has long advocated abolition of the death penalty. He suggested three years ago the alternative of penal servitude without hope of remission.

It was largely because of Mr. Graham's insistence on the need for safeguards in homes where there are children that legislation to enforce this was introduced into the Children's Act. Mr. Graham, on one occasion, publicly praised the part played by the *Daily Express* in bringing about the regulation of the sale of flannelette, after a series of child tragedies caused by flannelette clothing catching fire.

NEW WORK BY POET LAUREATE.

LIFE STORY OF A 'TALL SHIP.'

"The Wanderer," the history of a four-masted barque told in prose and verse, the first work of Mr. John Masefield's to appear since he became Poet Laureate, has been published (Heinemann, 8s. 6d.).

Much of the verse is extremely beautiful, as, for instance, the poem on "Skylarks," beginning:

I saw you often as the crown of Queens; As snow upon a mountain, as the rose Red in the midst of summer's many greens You were the beauty's final grace, as those.

This, however, is hardly the work that we were waiting for from the Laureate.

Extracts from the ship's papers, builder's specifications, lists of crew, and so forth, are a poor substitute for Mr. Masefield's poems of the sea, more especially as the poetic description of the storm reveals all the vigour of his earlier work.

The volume is illustrated with photographs of the barque, which was the property of Messrs. Potter, of Liverpool.

A campaign of terror by gangsters to extort tribute from owners of Tom Thumb golf courses was revealed today by the murder of Mr. Joseph Fuernman, part owner of a miniature links, who was shot down in the Bronx, New York. The police believe the killing was the first indication of a plot to force the proprietors of the new amusement to pay tax to the mobsters in return for the promise not to molest them. Mr. Fuernman apparently declined, and was murdered "to encourage the others."

He was known to have made large sums of money out of the new craze, and his fingers were covered with diamond rings.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Charlie Chaplin's Two Sons.

Mrs. Lita Grey Chaplin, the former wife of Charlie Chaplin, has filed the account for the expense of bringing up their two sons for the year just closed. It amounts to £1,200, as compared with £1,450 for 1929 and £2,158 for 1928.

Together, Lad!

"My boy," he said seriously. "I'm getting old and will soon have to retire. I want you to take over the business for me. What do you think?" "Father," was the reply, "how would it be if you worked a few years longer and then we both retired together?"

Mark Over!

The drive had been hooked into the rough. Player and caddy hunted for the ball for some time. Then the caddy turned to the boy and said: "Did you mark my ball?" "Yes," was the answer. "I marked it," "What by?" asked the player. "By a bird; but it flew away."

The Chance of a Lifetime.

"The Chance of a Lifetime," written by George Kaufmann, one of the authors of "Merito of the Movies," has created a sensation in New York, where, although described as a satire, it tells the truth about the follies of Hollywood. London managers who have read the script roar with laughter, but it is doubtful if it will ever be staged in London. One New York manager wanted to stage "The Chance of a Lifetime," but he was afraid. "I am so tied up with these picture guys," he said, "that I cannot make fun of them."

Modern Spies.

In a pretty little villa—the picture of innocence—on the outskirts of Brest, the police have discovered the headquarters of Polish spies in Germany. The suicide of a German postal sorter led to the discovery. He had been betraying his country by lending to the spies important military documents. Equipped with all modern business appliances, the villa was an ideal centre for the spies. There the chief received his correspondence—reports from agents working in various parts of Germany and, of course, the treacherous sorter's missives.

Austria's Hitler Busy.

Prince Rudiger von Starhemberg, Austria's would-be Hitler, who, at thirty-one, is now Minister of the Interior, recently took a further step to advance the cause of his Heimwehr (Fascist) party in the coming general election. He rescinded the order exiling his comrade-in-arms, the Prussian Major Papst, chief of staff in the famous German Kapp putsch, and also ordered the police to search every Socialist head-quarters in Austria for stores of hidden arms. The Socialists, anticipating this move, were on guard, and few arms were found.

A Man of Fire.

The late Colonel Fox was a very well-known London personality. For thirty years Chief of the London Salvage Corps, no one knew which he enjoyed most—fire or parties. He was present at both with unfailing regularity, attending the former with professional enthusiasm and the latter with all the zest of a schoolboy out for a good time. Even when he was over seventy he would dance and talk amusingly well into the small hours. His official duties taught him the knack of going without sleep, and in the great Cripple-gate fire he was on duty for two and a half days without taking a rest.

Noise and Work.

Mr. Henry Williamson, has retired to write a great novel, and he has retired not, as you would think, to a country village but to New York, because he likes plenty of noise when he is working. As a further aid to composition he proposes to buy a loud-speaker. When he first gave up journalism in London for the writing of novels, Mr. Williamson withdrew to the remotest and quietest part of the West Country but he found it unsatisfactory. Mr. Keith Winter, whose "Other Man's Sauce" was perhaps the most striking first novel of the year, adopts an even stranger procedure. He is writing his new book amid the roar of London, and his "best hours" are from four to seven, when he seeks out the most crowded tea-shop and scribbles, inspired amid the din of plates. Clearly the saucer complex has bitten deep into Mr. Winter's soul. Nor is this in any sense a pose upon the part of the modern author. It is years since Oscar Wilde remarked that the romantic surroundings of the South Seas had reduced A. L. Stevenson to writing letters to the Press upon German activities in Samoa.

Shock for Diplomat's Wife.

Mrs. Skinner, wife of the American Minister in Greece, went up in an airplane at Athens for a more demonstration flight—and found herself some hours later in Bucharest. She had arrived at the Athens aerodrome when the demonstration flights had ended, and the pilot, unaware of the fact that she only intended to make a trial flight, set off with her for Bucharest, where he was due to give further demonstrations.

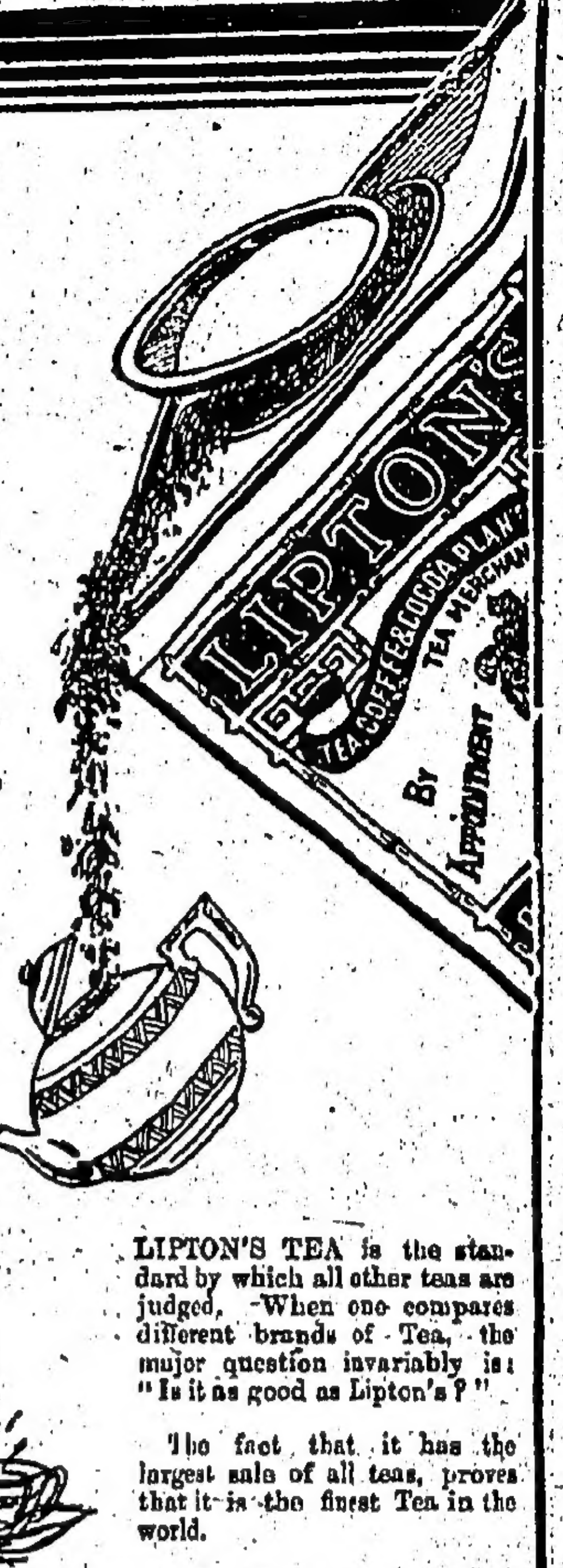
The Best Meal.

Some London clubmen were discussing the question of the most enjoyable meal that any of them could remember. There was a good deal of rivalry against the convention which prescribed what we should eat at any given hour of the day, and several of the clubmen spoke glowingly of dining on tripe and onions, on pressed tripe, on cheese and onions, and on pig's trotters. But the palm, at any rate for unexpectedness, was unanimously awarded to the man who said that not long ago he had enjoyed his ideal meal. It consisted (he averred) of two courses: the first, caviare, served in the ordinary way; the second, a potato baked in its skin and eaten with pepper, salt and enormous quantities of butter. Under pressure, he admitted that, if he had been forced to choose between them, he would have plumped for the second course. A naval officer plumped firmly for "beer, bread and butter and sardines after ten hours cooking ship."

Changing Piccadilly.

The day is not far away when the aspect of Piccadilly will be changed as completely as Regent-street has been changed during the last quarter of a century. The latest improvement to be effected on the south side—and already many new buildings have made their appearance between Arlington-street and Piccadilly-circus—is the group of buildings which used to be known as the Prince Hotel and Restaurant. The work of transforming this well-known London landmark has been carried on under the direction of Mr. Clement D. Rich, the chairman of the Piccadilly Development Co. "The old hotel and restaurant have completely disappeared," Mr. Rich said today. "Behind the hoardings workmen have built a miniature town, with its own shops and offices. An arcade is to connect Piccadilly and Jernyn-street, thus providing another means of access from the north to St. James-square. In the new Prince Hotel there are modern suites of offices, while in the basement is a restaurant to seat 300 people. At the same time the old Prince Galleries, the scene of so many art exhibitions, have been remodelled."

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Mr. Calder Marshall arrayed in the course of his speech the charges against the British producer—reluctance to listen to the man on the spot, out of date methods, inelastic prices. He emphasized too the changed conditions which made the task of the importer more difficult. To-day the Chinese merchant's word was no longer as good as his bond—a comment received with confirmatory support from the tables in front of the speaker. The difficulty of obtaining execution of judgment given in the Courts was even greater than that of getting redress from the Courts.

Below we give brief excerpts from the many lengthy speeches delivered.

QUALITY AND THE PRICE QUESTION.

Sir Ernest Thompson's chief point was that the British manufacturer could not afford to lose his reputation for quality—indeed, Shanghai importers would not allow him to do so—therefore the problem could not be solved merely by throwing the blame on the producer. Hence his eloquent appeal for co-operation. His speech made a good impression on an audience whose views had been very plainly and temperately voiced by Mr. Calder Marshall. The dinner showed that the Mission would get plenty of advice and that it would be ready to listen and to offer advice in its turn.

In his speech Mr. R. Calder Marshall, Chairman of the Chamber, said in part:—

It is not for one instant suggested that the low wages of the East should be taken as a standard, but unless we are as efficient as our competitors we cannot meet competition in production and must be content to supply that portion of the demand that cannot for some reason or other be supplied by our competitors.

Efficiency in production is not as we know confined to efficiency of labour only. There are many other factors. Is our organization at home as advanced as it might be? Are the methods employed by our industries wasteful of time and effort and therefore expensive?

There is not a merchant here who has not at some time or other been told that the prices quoted by a competitor are impossible, but it must be recognized that whether impossible or not, business is done.

Must Be at the Price.

The mere fact that goods are British does not necessarily secure buyers. We must supply what is wanted at the price at which it is required. It is no good saying that they are better or better value, as it is for the purchaser to say the quality of goods with which he is satisfied. It is useless endeavouring to sell an article at \$1.20 when the buyer wants one at \$1 and cannot and will not pay more. The fact that it is British does not help, particularly if what is wanted can be purchased from another country.

In some things we are holding our own, in others we feel less secure, and again in others competitors have made serious inroads into our trade.

The production side of the problem is naturally one on which we as merchants are not fully qualified to speak but we know what other countries can supply and feel that if Great Britain is to hold her own there must be a full realization on the part of British producers of the situation as it is.

Not Facing the Facts.

Frankly, we feel that the loss of trade is largely accounted for either by inability or unwillingness on the part of both capital and labour to face facts and so adapt themselves to their organization to changing times and changing needs that the

maximum efficiency commensurate with cost is secured.

The piece goods importer has in the past carried very heavy risks and responsibilities, and in view of the losses that have been suffered of late years, there is little wonder that many merchants are heartily sick of piece goods.

Consul-General's Speech.

Mr. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General, said:—I shall take advantage of this opportunity to make one point, and that is that in dealing with Chinese, more use should be made of the Chinese language in correspondence, catalogues, price lists, etc. The Chinese are demanding more and more to be addressed in their own tongue and they will turn to those who take the trouble to do so.

Especially is this important in the matter of contracts on which legal action may have to be taken subsequently. Cases have been brought to me where the Chinese buyer has put his chop to contracts printed in English and containing all sorts of clauses protecting the seller against risks of non-delivery and so on. Afterwards the Chinese client has repudiated these on the grounds that he did not understand English and they were not explained to him at the time.

Sir E. Thompson's Reply.

In reply, Sir Ernest Thompson said: We have been sent here by our Government on account of the decline of our export trade to China. We have to report on the position and to make suggestions for its alteration and improvement. You have said that the problem before us divides into two parts—production and distribution. Let us take production first for it is quite clear that you consider this will be the more important since you have said that "the chief cause for the loss is to be found at home."

It may be true that our costs of production are too high. We are out here to find out if we can what are the competing costs of production.

You refer, I believe, principally to the low class bulk trade and we are very concerned with this. We are studying the question of the production of these goods right through from the purchase of raw cotton to the delivery of the finished goods in China, and if we can by mass production and co-operative effort, reduce our costs, to a sufficiently low level, you may be assured that every effort will be made on our side.

I have just returned from Japan and I have seen goods woven for China of an article and quality of which I can speak. I can state quite definitely that much of the cloth that I saw being woven and at least half of the goods that I watched being packed would be rejected in Manchester as being definitely unfit for shipment to China. I can further vouch for the fact that if we had shipped such goods to China they would have been rejected on this side.

SCENE IN NEW YORK CATHEDRAL.

JUDGE FORCIBLY EJECTED AFTER DISTURBANCE.

BISHOP CHALLENGED.

New York, December 7.—The Cathedral of St. John the Divine to-night was the scene of a disturbance of no mean proportions which ended when plain-clothes men forcibly ejected Judge Benjamin H. Lindsey, the noted authority on crime and the archadvocate of companionate marriage.

Bishop William T. Manning, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, was preaching in the Cathedral. Judge Lindsey was in the congregation.

Bishop Manning roundly condemned Judge Lindsey for his opinions and his views with relation to companionate marriage. The Bishop said that companionate marriage was only another name for "free love."

Taken to Police Station.

From his pew in New York's most beautiful temple of worship, Judge Lindsey sought to reply to Bishop Manning. For his effort, however, he was rushed, struggling, from the Cathedral by strong-armed detectives. He was taken to a near-by police station where he was booked on charges of disorderly conduct.

The excitement began when Bishop Manning had finished his sermon. Judge Lindsey found a table. He jumped up on it and said:—

"I demand five minutes in which to answer your lies. This is not a house of worship. It is a place of injustice."

Service Continued.

Bishop Manning ignored Judge Lindsey's challenge and he left the detectives to deal with the most stormy member of the American judiciary.

Many times in recent years Judge Lindsey has found himself in "hot water" because of his views with regard to juvenile delinquency. His advocacy of companionate marriage and his book on the subject, published in 1927, gave him his greatest notoriety, however.

Although his congregation was in turmoil while Judge Lindsey was being ejected, Bishop Manning, in the pulpit, waited calmly while detectives took the judge away. He concluded the service as though nothing had happened to disturb them.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN JAVA.

4,000 EUROPEANS WITHOUT WORK.

Medan, Nov. 30.—Some alarm has been caused by the outcome of an investigation which has revealed that the number of workless Europeans in Java amounts to at least 4,000.

The Press lays stress on the fact that the Dutch Indian Government has so far not taken any notice officially of the unemployment and that it is desirable that something should be done immediately.

It is thought that the agricultural settlement of Europeans would be a wise policy, which would pay for itself sooner or later. A very great party of these unemployed are able-bodied and able-bodied people, who, however, in the present state of affairs are falling deeper and deeper into pauperism.

Unemployment under the native workers' class is extending considerably. In the last five months the number of coolies who have been sent back to their countries amounted to nearly 10,000.

Armed attacks on lonely shops and native dwellings, for a long time unknown on the East Coast of Sumatra, have revived in the last weeks, when three or four of these attacks have been reported.

AMERICA'S OFFER TO ITALY.

CREDITS IF FRIENDSHIP WITH SOVIET ABANDONED.

Paris, December 7.—Much attention has been aroused here by the report carried by the *New York Times* to the effect that the French Government would be disposed to grant Italy the large credits which she urgently needs in exchange for Italy abandoning her policy of friendship with the Soviet Union and also her claim to naval parity with France.

French financial circles confirm the report at least in part by stating that conversations in that direction are now going on between the two governments. Political circles and especially official quarters are, however, reticent on the matter which would mean a very sudden and complete change of Italy's policy as but recently strongly expounded by Premier Mussolini.

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NOTES FORGED IN PRISON!

INNOCENT VISITOR AIDS CONVICT.

A daring attempt to make forged one-pound notes in no less a place than a cell of Wandsworth Gaol has been traced to the Prison Commissioner.

The whole matter has been the subject of a strict inquiry. The bogus notes are now in the possession of the Prison Department at the Home Office.

One astonishing fact was elicited in the evidence at the inquiry:—

The material used by the prisoner in counterfeiting the notes was brought into the gaol and given to the man by one of the officially recognised prison visitors.

"Certain action has been taken in regard to the visitor," said an official of the Home Office to a Press representative. "He acted very foolishly, but innocently, and in good faith."

His idea, apparently, was to help the prisoner—an engraver—in the practice of his craft so that the man could "keep his hand in" pending his release.

The sequence of events which led to the discovery of the forged notes was as follows:—

A prisoner who is a particularly skilful draughtsman was serving a sentence of eighteen months in Wandsworth Gaol. One of his tasks was to draw out inventory boards for workshops and cells, so he was provided with pens and drawing ink.

One day, by accident, he showed a one-pound note to another prisoner. His possession of the note was reported to a warder.

That night a surprise visit was paid to the draughtsman's cell. He was "turned over" in prison slang.

The search party found one finished bogus note and several others in process of making, together with special paper, coloured inks, and engraving instruments.

When questioned before the inquiry the prisoner told how the material had been given to him. He had apparently pleaded with the prison visitor for a chance to purchase his craft in view of his term in prison being nearly over.

Actually the bogus notes are bad specimens, and would almost certainly have been detected if any attempt had been made to check them.

THE PRIMATE'S VISION.

"ONE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CHRIST."

The progress made towards reunion among the various branches of the Church throughout the world was stressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury when presiding recently at a meeting held at Church House, Westminster, in connection with the sixty-sixth anniversary of the Anglican and Eastern Churches Association.

The archbishop recalled that this year's Lambeth Conference was attended by a delegation from the Orthodox Churches of the East.

"There were events," he added, "which may, so far as we know, constitute a very real landmark in the long progress of the Church of God towards its visible reunion here on earth. We have still a great distance to cover."

"There are many difficulties to overcome, many misunderstandings to be removed, much knowledge of our respective traditions to be exchanged."

"I am already in process of forming a commission of our divines, which will meet, I trust, ere long, a similar commission appointed by the Ecumenical Council, and that we shall thus be able to prepare together for the synod of the Orthodox Church which we trust will meet next year."

"I see the vision grow more clear of a great community of churches united in Catholic faith and order spreading in all parts of world, none of them absorbed in any other, but all of them rejoicing in their freedom and self-government, bound together by all those traditions which, for centuries past and for centuries to come, will mark the one Catholic Church of Christ."

Mrs. Mary Thomas Kirkpatrick, who is well known in New York society, has been granted a divorce from Major Colin Drummond Kirkpatrick, an officer in the British Army, on the ground of cruelty. She alleged that she was a "fishing widow" and that her husband, who had a house in Wales, devoted so much time to rod and reel that she had no social life whatever. Mrs. Kirkpatrick also declared that her husband regarded her mother as an "unwelcome guest" in his house. She was awarded the custody of the two children. The couple were married on Long Island in July, 1925.

LAWLESSNESS NEAR CANTON.

WHAMPOA KIDNAPPING CASES REPORTED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Dec. 12. Banditry and lawlessness appear to be rife in the vicinity of Canton, notwithstanding the precautionary measures adopted by the "Man Tuen" or people's militia, in co-operation with the local authorities.

Two more cases of kidnapping have been reported from Whampoa, 11 miles east of Canton city, in which farmers and boatmen were involved. A family of the floating population, while rowing their sampan off Whampoa last Wednesday night, suddenly met another craft containing a group of lawless marauders, all armed with revolvers and automatics. The sampan occupants tried to get away, but without success. The bandits boarded the sampan, and, after ransacking it, carried off the daughter of the family, Ah Gee, aged five. The kidnappers made good their escape under cover of darkness.

The matter was then reported to the police of Whampoa.

The parents of the kidnapped girl received a letter from the bandits yesterday, demanding a ransom of \$400 in Hong Kong currency in addition to one dozen tins of cigarettes of the Three Castle brand, and a small quantity of prepared opium. Three days were given in which to bring the ransom to the bandits at an appointed spot.

Instead of complying with the demands the boatman took the letter to the Police Headquarters in Whampoa.

On the same day another case of kidnapping occurred in Whampoa, this time ashore. A family consisting of a husband, wife and a son, were working in a sugar-cane field close to Yu Chu fort when suddenly a band of armed robbers appeared on the scene. After silencing the adults with threats that they would be shot, the son was carried off into the mountains. The matter was also reported to the local police, but so far no clue has been found.

"REDS" IN HAINAN.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION SENT FROM CANTON.

Arrangements are being made by the Canton Naval Headquarters to suppress the Communists on Hainan Island.

The Communists, who were recently dispersed by marines, have again become active and are now threatening to attack Hoihow and Kingchow. Naval headquarters recently received a wire from the Magistrate and merchants on the island requesting additional troops to cope with the menace.

Accordingly they have withdrawn the larger gunboats from various posts and those will be sent to the island under the command of Capt. Chen Ting, the Chief of Staff. Canton military headquarters have also dispatched troops to co-operate with the marines.

CHINESE ESTATES.

THREE LOCAL PETITIONS GRANTED.

Tao Sin Lun, alias Tao Tze Cheung, alias Tao Oi Tong, late of 47, Run do Campo, Macao, who died intestate at 13, Tung Street, Hong Kong, left local estate worth \$22,100. Letters of administration have been granted to Tao See Hin, eldest son, and Tao Wong Shi and Tao Yung Shi, co-heirs, of 24, Queen's Road West.

Local estate worth \$6,600 was left by Lee Yun Jong, alias Lee Cheong, alias Li Cheung, who died at 67, Kowloon Tong, on July 21, 1929. Probate of the will has been granted to Chin Shu Lim.

Letters of administration to the estate of Leo Fong, who died intestate at Tung Hang village, Tai Shan District, Kwangtung, on July 27, this year, have been granted to the widow, Li Pang Shi, of 21, Pokfulam Road. Local estate amounts to \$6,200.

"THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD."

ANOTHER PHILHARMONIC SUCCESS.

WHERE THE PLAYERS EXCELLED, AND SOME WEAK POINTS.

ENTHUSIASTIC FIRST NIGHT AUDIENCE.

Most of us have a favourite Gilbert and Sullivan opera, and while opinions differ widely as to the best of the series everyone agrees that "The Yeomen of the Guard" is one of the best. It is also the most difficult to present satisfactorily, and there are always the inevitable inquiries, "how will it be done," when an amateur society announces that it is staging "The Yeomen." It must be said at the outset that the Philharmonic Society desolved all doubts at their first performance last night. It was a great triumph for the Society and for Mr. R. R. Davies, the producer. They had a good house, including H.E. the Governor (Sir William Peel), Lady Peel and a large party from Government House. A full house makes a difference we all know, and an enthusiastic house is an equally important ingredient of success, and on these two scores there could be no complaint.

"The Yeomen of the Guard" is one of the strangest of all dramatic pieces. Gilbert had a sarcastic wit and was a hard old man. Sullivan had ambitions to be a composer on the grand scale and turned out many worthy works of that kind. But for the Savoy operas, however, both men would by now be forgotten. Fate made them jesters—jesters of the type of Jack Point, the sensitive, embittered artist. In "The Yeomen," these odd partners were expressing themselves with a sincerity and a personal feeling, carefully eliminated from the other Gaiety soufflés of light opera. Jack Point is, one feels, the artists' own selves. So "The Yeomen," with its alternate tears and laughter, with real human beings and not fanciful stage figures for its protagonists, and with some of the most exquisite trios and quartettes ever written, went straight to the heart of British people.

Good Singing.

The Philharmonic's production was a very satisfying one because the singing was good. We most of us have quite fixed ideas as to the characters, taken from other presentations, and what one wants is to hear the music and be carried back to the strange days of violence and romance, when the Yeomen of the Guard, for the last time wore the letters H.R. on their broad chests. It is the Tower of London that dominates the play; the place that old Dame Carruthers loves and Phoebe hates with an equal intensity of passion.

"The screw may twist and the rack may turn
And men may bleed and men may burn."

If the title had not already been used in a semi-classic, the opera would have been called "The Tower of London."

To return to last night's performance, the singing was decidedly better than the acting. Justice was done to the music, but full opportunity was not taken of the words and action. Several of the incidents were scamped, notably when a young boor insults Elsie Maynard, and again when Dame Carruthers sings the Tower song already quoted. This is strange, for Molly Portallion does her part, both singing and acting, very admirably. But the real terror that can be induced by good chorus work and by stage tricks was missing.

On the other hand the execution scene was admirable. The awed hush of the crowd, the masked headmen, the placing of the block, and the sharp ringing of the axe, work up the climax in a manner worthy of the Doyle Carte No. 1 Company.

The scenery is entirely adequate, and could not be improved on. It is spacious and not too gloomy, but at the same time gives the suggestion of grim enclosure.

The Players.

To take the ladies first. Dorothy Snowden Jones sang the Elsie Maynard music extraordinarily well, her strong and sympathetic voice being almost ideal for the part. She was not quite the sprightly gipsy of many people's imagination, but she gave a very charming rendering of a very difficult rôle, Molly Portallion's interpretation of Dame Carruthers is in the true Bertha Lewis tradition, stately and dignified. Her antics when she finally nailed down her prey were by contrast the more amusing and unexpected. Not that she clowned. She was, even in her lighter moments, conscious of the dignity of her position. Her songs were extremely well sung and her fine contralto is a real asset to the society.

Phoebe Meryll is the most difficult of the women's rôles, because of the delicate half-tones of character delineation. Here, verging on womanhood, is this sensitive girl, distracted by her sudden love for Fairfax and pestered all the time by the saturnine Shadbolt. She makes a slip and she must suffer. She is the feminine counterpart of Point. Nina Valentine played the part well. Her voice is clear, if not particularly strong, and while she might torment her Assistant Tormentor a little more, in "Were I Your Bride," her acting is good. Phoebe's generous care of Elsie Maynard in the last scene is well done and effective.

A word of praise must be given for the really lovely singing of Doris Beilly in the trio "Strange Adventure."

Three of the men, A. E. Stone, as the Lieutenant of the Tower, W. M. Barton as Sgt. Meryll and A. J. Brock as Wilfrid Shadbolt, give very perfect presentations. Mr. Stone has just the correct gravity and dignity of a great English gentleman. He gives the necessary hint of pomposity with a delightful naturalism. The Sergeant sings well and is, again, entirely adequate in his acting. Mr. Brock, of course, is up on the professional standard. Generally Shadbolt is made a repulsive ogre and that heightens the tragedy of Phoebe Meryll and of the play generally. Mr. Brock gives him a very distinct fascination, despite his gruesome calling, and the odd turn of his torture-chamber wit. It is quite a sprightly Shadbolt, who can laugh and dance and sing in his odd moments, and his jealousy is no more terrifying than the same passion in ordinary mortals.

These, it will be noticed, are the older men; the young sparks do not make so good a fist of it. D. M. Richards, who plays Colonel Fairfax, sings very well, and that is the chief thing. But he is stiff as a lover, and hardly the debonaire figure who won all hearts. He is good in the first act as the condemned prisoner, but he is far too stiff with Phoebe, and his demonstration of how he "studied the knock" might be made more convincing.

F. H. Neale takes the small part of Leonard Meryll. His make up is not robust enough, but with this changed and a little more confidence he will do well. The headmen are most impressive, but the three minor parts could be better done.

Jack Point.

T. R. Rowell's presentation of Jack Point is left to the last. Mr. Rowell sings very nicely indeed and he looks the part of the cultured man, an artist to his finger tips, who loves his calling and yet hates the humiliations attached to it. He suggests cleverly the tactlessness which loses Point his job and the innocence which leaves him helpless against the not very scrupulous rivalry of Fairfax. But he does not convey either the force of Point's character or his tragedy. Point is a dominant figure in the second act, and the finale should be taken with quietness and restraint. Point is too deeply injured to be theatrical

and down in his heart he is contemptuous not only of the "thoughtless fools," but of Elsie who jilted him so easily. He would not kiss the hem of her dress, though he cannot help falling unconscious (and not dead) at her feet. Mr. Rowell's interpretation will probably get better with every performance. It is good already. Were it not so it would be easy to dismiss it with a few platitudes. But the presentation has a freshness, like Mr. Brock's performance of Shadbolt, that makes one think again about Jack Point.

The chorus did very well indeed especially the women. Sometimes the Yeomen were a little ragged and there did not seem quite the sound volume of previous productions. But the drilling and dresses were good and the decorative effects were delightful. There was plenty of intelligent by-play, and everyone was glad to see the gallant company troop in.

Mr. Mason's orchestra was splendidly in hand and contributed a full quota to the general success. It never drowned the soloists and brought out fully all the fine manners of Sullivan's score.

Cast.

The cast was as follows:—
Sir Richard Chelmondely (Lt. of the Tower)..... A. E. Stone.
Col. Fairfax (Under Secretary of State)..... D. M. Richards.
Sgt. Meryll (of the Yeomen of the Guard)..... W. M. Barton.
Leonard Meryll (his Son)..... F. H. Neale.
Jack Point (a Strolling Jester)..... T. R. Rowell.
Wilfrid Shadbolt (Head Jailor & Asst. Tormentor)..... A. J. Brock.
The Headsman..... A. J. MacFayden.
First Yeoman..... G. R. Leib.
Second Yeoman..... A. L. Parsons.
A Gipsy..... J. A. Shaw.
Elsie Maynard (a Strolling Player)..... Dorothy Snowden-Jones.
Phoebe Meryll (Sgt. Meryll's Daughter)..... Nina Valentine.
Dame Carruthers (Housekeeper of the Tower)..... Molly Portallion.
Kate (her Niece)..... Doris Beilly.
Elsie Maynard (a Strolling Player)..... Dorothy Snowden-Jones.

CHORUS OF YEOMEN OF THE GUARD.—J. W. Baldwin, H. J. Best, A. G. Brewer, C. G. A. Christman, J. A. Edward, R. C. Grant, A. C. Jeffrey, J. L. Leonard, W. E. O'Reilly, D. A. Russell, C. E. F. Sayer and F. T. Smith.

CHORUS OF CITIZENS.—Hilda Arnold, Molly Bedford, Kathleen Bonington, Doris Beilly, Edith Booth, Rita Christian, Rita Cole, Catherine Crowther, Olive Dalziel, Sybil Dalziel, Bessie Gill, Evelyn Gray, Jean Groundwater, Esther Hooper, Doris Hunt, Olive Jeffreys, Mary Jones, Agnes Leib, Joyce Looker, Mary Richards, Dorothy Shaw, Rose Shoemith, Lydia Siggins, Doris Smith, Dolly Starling, Aimee Steele, M. Bell, D. Buchanan, A. L. Cole, C. L. Cole, G. H. Fowler, H. P. Martin, G. H. Russell, F. S. W. Smith and W. Stoker.

ASSISTANT HEADSMEN.—J. D. P. Dixon and R. S. Sanagum.
Prompter, W. Gill; Property Master, J. Dobson; and Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs. M. Mather.

Asst. Stage Manager, J. Dobson; Lightings, E. Hamlin; Business Manager, H. J. Best; Programme Advertising, Mrs. T. V. Harmon.

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Programme Girls arranged by Kathleen Murphy.

The Orchestra.

VIOLINS.—F. Gonzalez, H. Leong, G. E. Longyear, O. Y. Lyon, C. Schroeder, S. Stacey and S. B. Tan.
VIOLA.—J. M. S. Rosario.
CELLO.—N. U. Botelho and L. Spente.
CONTRA-BASS.—P. N. Sequeira.
FLUTE.—Bandman R. Simpson.
OBOE.—L. Opl. G. Stent.
CLARINET.—Band Sergeant N. Bassoon.—L. Opl. E. Stevens.
HORN.—Bandman W. E. Norworthy.
TRUMPET.—Bandman G. Mitchell.
THROMBONE.—Bandman O. Cotton.
TIMPANI, DRUMS, ETC.—Bandman A. E. Sturgeon.
AT THE PIANO.—Mrs. O. W. R. Griggs.

HON. MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR.—Mr. Mason, A.R.C.O.
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PRETTY WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL.

MR. R. M. WOOD—MISS K. M. WEST.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday when Kathleen Margaret West, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. West, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, became the bride of Mr. Ronald Mackay Wood, B.Sc., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wood of Alderly Edge, Cheshire. The Rev. H. V. Kew, M.A. performed the ceremony.

The bride looked very charming in a dress of parchment satin, with Limerick lace train and net veil. She entered the Cathedral on the arm of her father who gave her away. She carried a bouquet of gladioli and was attended by the Misses Mary Lyl and Evelyn Baskett who were dressed in old rose pink, and carried bouquets of pretty Victorian posies. The bride's mother wore a dress of grey georgette and lace. Mr. I. D. Lenox was "best man," whilst the groomsmen were Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett and Mr. J. E. Richardson. After the ceremony a reception was held at Repulse Bay Hotel, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon, the bride's travelling dress being a two-piece one of green wool crepe.

The bridegroom is an engineer in the Public Works Department.

REFUSED TO OBEY ORDERS.

PIRACY GUARD SENT TO GAOL.

For refusing to perform his duty on December 11, Tao Chun-li, (P.C. D. 176) a piracy guard, was charged before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday.

Mr. W. le Bart Sparrow, A.S.P., prosecuting, said that the defendant was detailed for duty on board the s.s. Anking, but on arrival at the wharf, the defendant refused to go on board. He was taken back to the Police Station, where he was asked three times to return to his post, but he refused each time.

Replying to Mr. Butters, the defendant said he did not like to go to Singapore on piracy duty. He preferred the Northern run, and added that he had asked the Inspector to put him on the Shanghai route.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

FOUR RUSSIANS CHARGED.

IMPRISONMENT AND THE EXPULSION.

Three Russians named Michael Abramovich Prikovoy, Boris Aaron Stoliaroff, and Israel Bodvin Ginzburg, and a woman named Marie Noseloff, were before Mr. E. H. Williams at Central Magistracy yesterday on the charge of entering the Colony on December 10 without valid passports. They all pleaded guilty.

It was stated that the defendants were all undesirable and were believed to have been connected with the theft of a roll of silk from Knyamaly's silk store some days ago. They were to have been charged with larceny, but search of their baggage proved futile. It was further stated that the police have had several complaints regarding these characters.

Mr. Williams passed sentence of two months' hard labour on each defendant, and ordered their expulsion from Hong Kong at the end of the 12th.

FOR THE POOR.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledges with grateful thanks the following further donations to the Fête in aid of Hong Kong's poor:—
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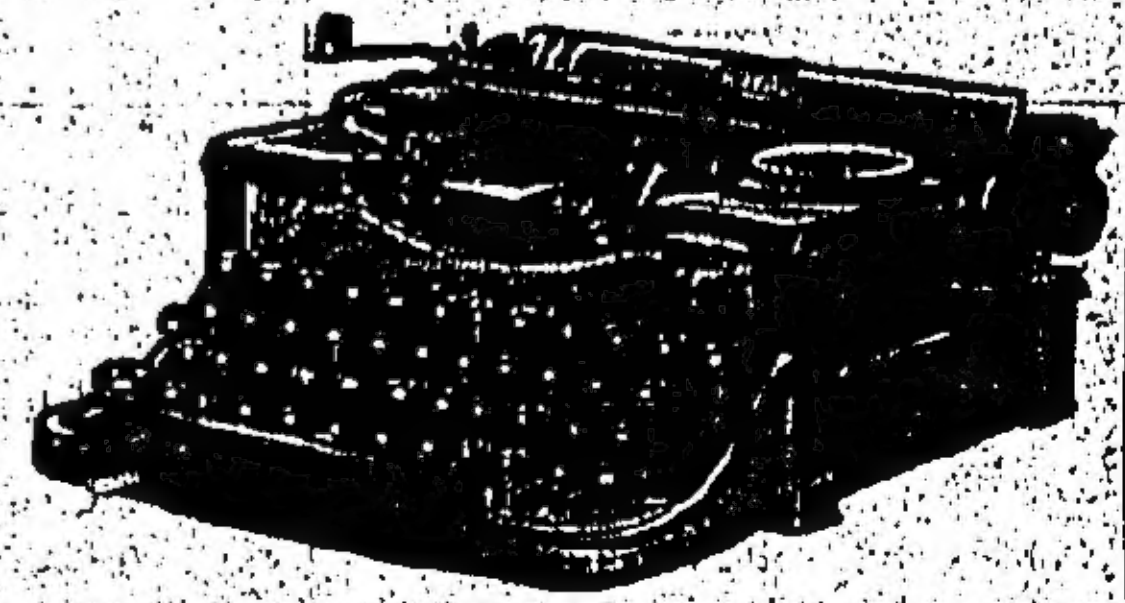
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THE EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HEAD OFFICE of the Company, 8, GEORGE STREET, SINGAPORE, on MONDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1930, at 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st June, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1930. [10242]

THE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB will be held in the BOARD ROOM of Messrs. JARVIS, MARSH & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1930, at 5.30 P.M.

To receive from the Committee a Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1930.

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Resolution—

From and after the 31st of December, 1930, the Subscription of a playing member who uses all the Club courses and Club houses shall be \$7 a month. The Subscription of a playing member who does not use the Club courses or stay at the Club houses shall be \$5 a month. Provided that if a member paying the latter subscription desires from time to time to use the said courses or stay at either Club house, he shall pay a green fee of \$1 per day.

To elect Officers, Members of Committee, and an Auditor for the ensuing year.

To decide on any Resolution which may be submitted to the Secretary four days prior to the meeting.

And other Business.

By order of the Committee,
H. D. MATTHEWS, Lieut. Col., Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th Nov., 1930.

It is requested that Nominations for Members of the General Committee duly proposed and seconded may reach the SECRETARY, Not Later Than WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1930, though Nominations will be accepted at the Meeting. [10243]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1930, commencing at 2 P.M. The First Race will be Run at 1.30 P.M.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies, are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for Payment of All Charges.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated—

The anti-cyclone remains stationary and has increased slightly in intensity. Moderate monsoon will prevail along the China Coast and over the N. China Sea.
Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

BIRTHS.

ARNEY.—On December 8, at Shanghai, to Lieut. and Mrs. J. ARNEY of the French Defence Force, a daughter, YVONNE.

BLAIR.—On December 7, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. BLAIR, a son.

CHASE.—On December 1, at Paris, to KATHLEEN (née Barentzen) and GILBERT CHASE, a son.

FLEMING.—At Victoria Hospital, Hong Kong, on December 12, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN FLEMING, 293, The Peak, a daughter (Marion). [10239]

STOCKS.—On December 7, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. STOCKS, a son.

DEATH.

GRAY.—On December 8, at Sydney, N.S.W., WALTER GRAY, formerly of Shanghai, in his 48th year.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. WILLIAM FARMER and her family wish to tender their grateful thanks to all their friends for the many floral tributes and letters of condolence received, and for the sympathy extended to them in their heavy bereavement.

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MUI TSAI.

For many years the Hong Kong Daily Press has waged war on the mui tsai system. It has taken the view that the mui tsai is a slave, and that slavery is illegal and intolerable in a British Colony.

Time was when Europeans had their mui tsai and exercised over them very much the same rights as the Chinese proprietor. That has long ago been put down. The mui tsai system has never had legal sanction, for slavery is against the common law of the British Empire.

In England quite early in the 18th century an escaped slave appealed to the British Courts for his liberty. This was granted by an obscure judge of the King's Bench, and the decision is a standard one, forming the basis of the legal position. In British colonies, notably Jamaica, slavery continued well into the 19th century, but it ended in the year 1839.

There is, therefore, no legalised slavery in Hong Kong, and there never has been. The purchaser of a mui tsai has no legal hold over the child. If she likes to walk out of the house, or if her natural guardians, her parents, care to take her away, the "owner" can do nothing. The system is based solely on social custom. That is also the law of the Chinese National Government.

But social custom is stronger than law in China—and in Hong Kong. The registration law of December, 1929, was the first real blow at the system. It was freely said that either the law would be a dead letter, which the Government would make no attempt to enforce, or that the ingenious Chinese mind would discover a dozen methods of circumvention. Grave fears were expressed that if active measures were taken to enforce registration, sooner than comply even with so simple a formality, many Chinese would take their mui tsai to Canton and there "dispose of them." A more familiar contention was that the mui tsai would become the "adopted daughter" and there the matter would end.

According to the letter from H. E. the Governor (Sir WILLIAM PERCY) to the Colonial Secretary, which was published yesterday, the number of registrations up to June this year has been over 4,000. This is fairly satisfactory, but it is difficult to explain the somewhat airy suggestion that the original estimate of 10,000 mui tsai in the Colony was far too high. It is much more likely to have been an under-estimate. The fact that registration is the law, and the realisation that no legal control exists over the mui tsai, may possibly act as a deterrent to prospective purchasers, but the system will die hard.

The reports suggest that there is still urgent need for activity by the Anti-Mui Tsai Society. The Government, for many reasons quite easy to understand, has never been very zealous in this matter. The magistrates' conviction in bad cases, but it is generally considered wiser not to interfere with social custom, unless of a very outrageous nature. All Governments, in fact, tend to have a few of the characteristics of a somewhat famous historical character—Pontius Pilate. They see what is right, and they try to do what is right, but when it comes to outraging local susceptibilities and causing real trouble, then it is better to be circumspect.

It is the people themselves who must banish the mui tsai system, and by that we mean the enlightened Chinese of Hong Kong. It is to them that the appeal to abolish domestic slavery is made. No one denies that there are happy mui tsai, and that the system has good in it. If it had not it would not survive. But it is liable to abuse, and to very great abuse. Ask a young Chinese if he would like to see his sister a mui tsai and the negative will be vigorous. Perhaps the gravest danger arises out of the coming of factories to Hong Kong and China. There has been child sweating in the Colony, and it is notorious that mui tsai were so sweated. If there is some sort of defence of domestic slavery, there is none whatever of industrial slavery. By industrial slavery is meant the gang labour that built the pyramids, and worked the cotton plantations. It is easy to see how this form of horror could be installed in modern factories and mines.

THE RICKSHA PULLER.

Black sheep appear in every fold, but it is seldom, indeed, that any fault can be found with our local ricksha pullers. The case concluded at the Central Magistrate on Thursday, in which two pullers were convicted of robbing a fare was, therefore, a very unusual one. Not long ago the Kowloon Magistrate said that he had never had a ricksha puller charged before him with any disgraceful affair. There were occasional traffic offences but nothing more. Hong Kong ricksha men are a feature of the Colony. Their keenness for a fare, their honesty and cheerfulness, their ability to maintain a jog-trot almost indefinitely, are all more noticeable to visitors than to residents who take this fine body of men for granted. Most of them are up-country peasants who come here to make money.

Presumably a living can be got. Since there is no falling off in the supply and they all look well nourished and decently clothed. Many, however, fall a victim to the gambling habit, and, having come for a brief and profitable stay, they end by making Hong Kong their home and ricksha pulling their career. In Kowloon the charge of ricksha men as such ferry draws in may be dangerous, but it is at least convenient to find a conveyance rushed to one's feet. The pullers know every European resident where he lives and, probably, all about him. Most of the ricksha serve the ferry, but others have their regular pitches outside European blocks of flats, and soon are on terms of cheerful friendship with the occupants and, particularly, the children of the occupants. They are great purveyors of news. A resident recently returning from long leave at home was visited within two hours by the whole of her former domestic staff. Each one said "ricksha man talks, my one-time missie come back."

The abolition of the ricksha is often urged because it is said that the work is derogatory to the dignity of man. There are two points of view. The ricksha puller and his fare. Despite the advent and the all he did was to hold a lamp while a search was made by others for the thief.

within hail! How often misses them on the home voyage when Aden is reached; how one regrets their absence even in London! For a short journey the ricksha is unequalled for cheapness and convenience. The ease of the man between the shafts is different, and, despite personal feelings, one must hope for the time when men who should be filling the fields or exercising the skill of a craftsman are no longer waiting the minor convenience of wealthier folk. For all that, the ricksha coolie's calling is less demeaning than those much more profitable forms of work whose reward is in the form of a tip. In such occupations the takings vary in accordance with skill in the arts of obsequiousness.

The Sultanah of Johore.

The wife of the Sultan of Johore, who was Mrs. Helen Wilson before her recent marriage, accepted an invitation to open a new Dockland Settlement hotel in the East End on December 11. It is stated that the Sultanah and Sultanah intend the staying in London until next year, and then proceed to Johore via America, when the new Sultanah will be crowned.

Insomnia.

Sleeplessness is the bane of the overworked, and it is to be feared that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who by nature is an easy sleeper, has in the last year been finding it more and more difficult to banish the phantom of worry from his pillow. Mr. MacDonald does not possess the enviable faculty of Napoleon and Gladstone for sleep. He has adopted the habit of the siesta, a habit which Mr. Churchill, in his autobiography, urges upon all public men. The late Lord Balfour would regularly retire to his room after luncheon, and possessed the gift of being able to sleep at any moment he desired. Nor did he allow his slumbers to interfere with his public duties: Lord Ralston always woke up just in time.

★ News and Views ★

No Medical Student Shortage.

The statement in a Home Paper that at the hospital schools there is "universal consternation" at the very small number of male entrants for first-year courses is only an application to the provinces of what is true in it at all. At the London hospitals there is no sort of anxiety. The number of entrants at St. Bartholomew's is up to standard; King's is quite normal; St. Mary's has actually a larger number than usual. The London Hospital does not take first-year students.

Farnham Road In Danger.

The Minister of Health has decided to hold an inquiry at the village hall, Grayshot, to the application of the Alton Rural District Council to borrow £12,000 for the purpose of the sewerage of Grayshot and adjacent areas. The Farnham Rural District Council has resolved to oppose the application. Mr. W. W. Salomons, stated at the meeting of the Farnham Council that the outfall works would be a Plaster Farm, and that the effluent would flow into the neighbouring stream, and thence into Farnham Pond, which was an important amenity of the Farnham Rural District.

The Elder Dars.

Zena Dars, who was touring in "The First Mrs. Fraser" until she found the play involved in some argument over touring rights, had to give up the part, with the consequence that she is now touring in "Other Men's Wives" in which she plays the Fay Compton part with very great ability. Zena, since returning to the stage two or three years ago, has settled down to the hard work of a touring actress. She learns her job, and does it. "Other Men's Wives" has been a great success.

Terror of Motorists Killed.

The notorious bandit of Galatz (Rumania), who murdered four people in three days and has terrified motorists for weeks, has at last been killed in battle with the police. Newspapers report that his head was severed and brought to Bucharest in accordance with the ancient custom, while his body was handed over to relatives for burial.

A V.O.'s Reverts.

A man in a navy blue suit, a man who still had a boyish air about him was seen looking rather furtively at a tiny canvas raft at the Crystal Palace just before the annual re-union dinner of the Royal Naval Division. He was Lieut.-Colonel Freyberg, V.C., and the bit of canvas was that by which he conveyed the flares when he swam ashore at Gallipoli in 1915 from a warship and contrived what the Turks thought was a British landing. The raft was one of the exhibits in a little museum which had been arranged for their reunion at "H.M.S. Crystal Palace," which was the Division's first training ground.

L.I.V.E.R.

The festive calf-a-gambolling beside its mother, is a thing that long will be in the memory clings. A charming picture of it, as in a restaurant, you sit. Consuming liver, bit by bit, Without a stricture.

But otherwise, if it is pig, And if your appetite is vigorous, your helping big. A charming picture Will dawn on mind's enquiring eye. When it recalls the fragrant sty! Then lucky are you if you die Without a stricture!

JOHN WILLIAMS.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

One death from typhoid was reported during the 24 hours ended December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming have received many congratulations on the birth of a daughter, at the Victoria Hospital yesterday morning.

The Craigower Cricket Club are holding a dance for members and their friends, commencing at 8.15 this evening. A string band will be in attendance.

A 59-year-old coolie was rushed to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday morning, after being knocked down by a bus on Sai Kung Road and sustaining a broken leg.

The total output of the Kailas Mining Administration's mines for the week ended November 29, amounted to 125,558 tons, and the sales during the period to 144,692 tons.

The Automobile Association annual dinner-dance was held at the Peninsula Hotel last night. It was a private affair for members and friends, so the President of the Association informed us.

A chair-coolie was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on Thursday, suffering from a stab wound which, it is alleged, was inflicted by another chair-coolie in the course of a fight at Aberdeen Street.

An attempt to commit suicide by an unemployed Chinese, who jumped off Blake Pier at 3 p.m. yesterday, has been reported to the Police. But for an act of bravery by an Indian constable on duty at the pier, the unfortunate man would have lost his life.

As a result of a raid carried out by Revenue officers at 291, Queen's Road Central, men appeared before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistrate yesterday charged with being in unlawful possession of 470 heroin pills and four mace, of opium. The first defendant was fined \$30 and the second \$3.

A Chinese cook, employed by the Wing Fat furniture shop at 46, Prince Edward Road, was charged at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday with stealing \$4 from his master. It was alleged that the defendant, after stealing the money, attempted to poison the master. A remand of three days was ordered.

Due to unreliable evidence given by a Chinese watchman in a case in which a Chinese yesterday for stealing various articles, the Magistrate acquitted the defendant. Giving evidence the watchman said he chased the defendant up the hill and had him arrested. When examined, the watchman admitted that he was an after-thought, and that all he did was to hold a lamp while a search was made by others for the thief.

Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi have arrived in England from Malaya. Their address for the winter will be Sillingford Wharf, Oxford.

Out of the seventeen men arrested at Queen's Road West on Thursday, six were released by the police yesterday. During a search at the Yin Hing Tea House, where most of the arrests were made, over 2,000 seditious circulars and a large red flag were seized.

Before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistrate yesterday a driver of a motor lorry was charged with negligent driving. It was alleged that the defendant drove his car round the corner of Bowen Road on the wrong side, and nearly came into collision with Mr. F. C. Hall's car. The case was adjourned till Tuesday.

A report has been made to the police by a contractor of Messrs. Sang Lee at Morrison Hill to the effect that while travelling in the car of the Anglican church, a company tramcar from the Sincere Company to Happy Valley he had either lost or had stolen from his pocket three \$10 notes, a deposit receipt for \$500, and a shareholders' deposit receipt for \$4,500.

Mr. A. Lawson, who arrived in the Colony yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Lawson, is joining the literary staff of the Daily Press. Mr. Lawson is a nephew of Colonel H. F. Murrow, Chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and a grandson of the founder of the paper. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson travelled out here in the s.s. Sarpedon.

The Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duggan, D.D.) and Mrs. Duggan arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. Sarpedon. Dr. Duggan has been in England attending the Lambeth Conference to which all bishops of the Anglican church were summoned. Dr. Duggan and Mrs. Duggan both look extremely well, after a very smooth and enjoyable voyage.

Fines totalling \$30 were imposed on a coal coolie by Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday. Defendant was charged with speeding along Hennessy Road and with driving a lorry without permission. It was stated that the lorry was being driven at 35 miles an hour. According to the police, the defendant was probably anxious to learn how to drive and he stole his employer's lorry for the purpose.

Charges of possession of dutiable tobacco, without the permission of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, were preferred against Kwan Chun, 390, Shanghai Street, at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday. Mr. J. M. d'Almeida, a detective, who appeared for the defence, asked for the case to be adjourned till Friday, the 19th inst., and in doing so Mr. Butters fixed bail for defendant at \$5,000.

A fatal accident occurred at a board the s.s. Tilawa at the Kowloon Wharf on Thursday when a Chinese coolie was killed through a large wooden chest of tea falling on him.

Among the calls to the Bar (Inner Temple), on November 18 were A. T. Tan, B.A., LL.B., Christ's College, Cambridge; and H. Y. Teh, Edinburgh University. Mr. Seeming, 82, gave a lecture on "Chinese Students in Great Britain" before the China Society at the School of Oriental Studies, on November 21.

A fine of \$15,000, with the alternative of one year's hard labour was imposed by Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistrate yesterday on a Chinese who was charged with the unlawful possession of 160 tons of non-Government opium. It was stated by the prosecuting officer that the opium was found cleverly concealed in the false bottom of a trunk and also in two pillows. The defendant pleaded guilty and said that he was taking the drug to the Sandwich Islands.

According to a police report, a highway robbery occurred at Tai Po Road on Thursday. It was stated that three men engaged a motor-car in Shanghai Street, stating that they wanted to go to Canton. When near Tai Po Road, one of the men asked the driver to stop under the pretence that his hat had blown off. The driver promptly stopped, when, it is alleged, the three men set upon him and, after pushing him down the hillside, thoroughly searched him.

Looking Back 25 Years.

As they were handed from the s.s. Cheong Sang on Saturday, the thirteen new griffins imported for next year's races did not have the appearance of being able to provide much sport for a Hong Kong gathering. They were straggling looking mob, but a number of them had the fiery eye which bespeaks determination. They had all passed the time test at Shanghai, however, therefore they must be up to the usual standard; and within a month's time, says Mr. Greig, they will be unrecognisable. Hong Kong Daily Press, December 13, 1905.

Looking Back 50 Years.

H. M. S. Curacao, 14, Captain W. H. Curming, arrived in harbour yesterday morning from Singapore. The Curacao is a screw corvette of 230 horse power and of 2,383 tons. She is built of steel and iron, and is a sister ship, and in every respect similar, built and named to the Curacao, sister of the new Curacao. She was commissioned at Devonport on February 24 of the present year for service in the China command, and has been stationed for some time past at Singapore, doing duty there as the "squadron ship" for the British Settlements—Hong Kong Daily Press, December 13, 1930.

BOXER INDEMNITY FUND.**BRITISH BILL IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12. The House of Commons passed the first reading of the Government's China Indemnity Application Bill, which is designed to make further provision regarding the application of the Boxer Indemnity Fund and the moneys paid on account of the Boxer Indemnity.

SIR HENRY SEGRAVE MEMORIAL.**TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING TRANSPORT ACHIEVEMENT.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 12. The memorial fund to Sir Henry Segrave has now been closed, the donations, which were headed by the Prince of Wales, having reached an adequate amount.

The sum of £1,000 has been set aside for a Segrave Trophy to be awarded annually to the British man or woman who accomplishes the most outstanding demonstration of the possibilities of transport by land, sea or air.

The awarding Committee, on which are, motoring, marine engineering, and newspaper interests will be represented, will meet annually to review the achievements of the preceding year, and will allot the trophy accordingly.

STABLE PRICE LEVEL.**FAIL DUE TO OVER-PRODUCTION.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 12. Sir Basil Blackett, of the Imperial and International Communications Company, advocated a stable price level in an address yesterday to the American Chamber of Commerce, London.

He said that the recent fall in world prices with such deplorable consequences was due in some cases to overproduction, but he felt convinced that monetary causes were most important. He asked for patient hard work and for international co-operation in monetary policy and support of the studies of the gold delegation of the League of Nations.

ADMIRAL SINCLAIR RETIRED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 12. The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir Edwin Alexander Sinclair has been placed on the retired list.

Admiralty Appointments.

Vice-Admiral Sir John Kelly is promoted Admiral of the Fleet, and Rear-Admiral Fullerton to be Vice-Admiral, all dated December 12. Admiral Alexander Sinclair commanded the Third Light Cruiser Squadron during the later stages of the war, and has been in command at the Nore from 1927.

ECONOMIC UNITY WITHIN THE EMPIRE.**FURTHER STUDY OF THE PROBLEM.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 11. Replying to a Parliamentary question, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, said that a further study of the problem of closer economic association within the Empire, with special reference to the problems left over by the Imperial Conference for examination before the meeting at Ottawa next year, had already been begun by the United Kingdom Government and would be actively pursued.

CABLE COMPANIES IN CHINA.**OFFICES TO BE TRANSFERRED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12. The Kuo Min News Agency has circulated a statement from Nanking that the Cable Conference had agreed that the offices of the Great Northern Telegraph Company and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company at Tientsin, Peiping and Chefoo be abolished simultaneously with the transfer to China of the Shanghai-Chefoo-Taku (Tientsin) cable, which had been under the sole control of the above companies since 1901.

Following their abolition the affairs of these offices will be taken over by the Chinese Telegraph Administration.

CHINA AIRWAYS DEATH-ROLL.**ANOTHER DEATH YESTERDAY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11. The death has occurred of Chen Tseng Van, one of Hsiung Shih hui's *aide-de-camp*.

This brings the air crash death-roll to five.

Hsiung Shih Hui is improving, but he is not yet out of danger. His other *aide-de-camp* is recovering rapidly.

CLOSER UNION IN EAST AFRICA.**MEETING OF JOINT LORDS COMMONS COMMITTEE.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 11. The first meeting was held today of the Joint Lords and Commons Committee to consider proposals for the machinery of closer union in East Africa.

The Committee is widely representative in composition and is expected to make an exhaustive and sympathetic examination, extending over several months, of the problem from all points of view, including the question of native policy.

At yesterday's meeting of the joint parliamentary committee on East Africa, Sir Samuel Wilson, of the Colonial Office, emphasised the importance of co-operation of the Kenya settlers in schemes of closer union, because they were a very virile section of the community.

He was against any scheme which any large section of opinion in East Africa opposed. The present feeling, he thought, made attempts to solve the problem of Indian representation on the Kenya Legislative Council unwise.

NORTHERN RHODESIA AERIAL SURVEY.**TWENTY THOUSAND PHOTOGRAPHS.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 11. The full results of the aerial survey of 60,000 square miles of country in Northern Rhodesia are now available.

A ground survey of this area would have taken about 10 years, whereas the British Survey Expedition of the Aircraft Operating Company carried through the work in less than four months.

Twenty thousand photographs were taken during the flights, which extended over 40,000 miles. A Gloster biplane, the first aircraft in the world designed and built specially for survey work, was used.

Contact prints made from photographs contain detail which is proving of great interest from geological, botanical and other viewpoints, besides revealing errors in existing maps, it being found possible to detect the lines of geological formation with much accuracy.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA.**ROOM FOR SINO-JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 12. The *Yokohama Specie Bank* papers this morning give much prominence to reports of a Chinese railway construction programme in Manchuria, and evince anxiety over the increasing indications of an "aggressive" attitude on the part of China towards Japan.

Some of the reports state that the Japanese Government intends to take a firmer attitude towards China, but so far as the question of the Manchurian railways is concerned officials declare the reports to be a pure fabrication.

It is learned authoritatively that Mr. Kimura, a director of the South Manchurian Railway, who has been conferring with the Government, left for Dairen yesterday and indicated that after he had reported to the S.M.R. that Company, would approach the Chinese authorities at Mukden in an endeavour to persuade them that there is plenty of room in Manchuria, both for Chinese and Japanese development, with mutual benefit if both co-operate instead of competing.

Though the Japanese Government appears to have no intention of negotiating directly with China, it is understood that its diplomatic and consular representatives in China have been instructed to tender the S.M.R. any assistance they may require in an attempt to attain a satisfactory solution of the railway problem.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.**SIR HALFORD MACKINDER'S CHAIRMANSHIP.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 12. Sir Halford Mackinder, in a letter to the Prime Minister dated November 18, published to-night, recalls that on the eve of the Imperial Conference he placed himself at the disposal of the Conference respecting his chairmanship of the Imperial Economic Committee and the Imperial Shipping Committee, feeling that the Governments of the Empire might desire to remodel one or both.

The report of the Graham Committee, endorsed by the Conference, seemed to imply that he should continue as Chairman of the Shipping Committee, but that the chair of the Economic Committee should be occupied for one year by a representative of each Government in rotation.

In tendering his resignation he says that he is proud of the fact that the body should not only receive a fresh lease of life, but also, more accurately, an Imperial constitution, a wider reference, and, if need be, a reinforced secretariat.

The Prime Minister, replying, recalls the Conference resolutions bearing testimony to the value of Sir Halford Mackinder's services on both committees. The experience of the working of the Imperial Economic Committee had removed the apprehensions which attended its commencement. Its sphere of work and its influence had steadily increased.

The term of Sir Halford Mackinder's chairmanship had witnessed a most valuable advance in Imperial co-operation. The Prime Minister asked Sir Halford to continue his chairmanship until changes in the constitution were effected, and trusts that he will also be able to remain Chairman of the Shipping Committee.

In a further letter Sir Halford Mackinder accedes to the request.

MARTIAL LAW IN CUBA. RENEWAL OF RIOTING BY STUDENTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. A message from Havana states that martial law has again been declared throughout Cuba, for the second time within a month, following the renewal of rioting in several parts between the authorities and students and other disorderly elements.

SEDITION CHARGE AT SHANGHAI.**INDIAN'S TIRADE AGAINST BRITISH RULE.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12. An Indian who was charged with seditious propaganda exclaimed that he preferred prison to freedom under British rule.

He said that he expected no favour, as he knew what British kindness meant. He had seen active service, during which India had been promised self-government, and he had been told to pray for British victory in the world war, but directly the war was over martial law was declared in India and taxes were imposed on marriage ceremonies. Now, when Indians asked for their rights they were called seditious.

"If the British did not leave India voluntarily, the Indians would drive them out by force."

When the tirade was concluded, the Magistrate said that such talk was prejudicial to the accused, who said that he did not care.

WORLD SUGAR CRISIS.**GERMAN DEMAND FOR HIGHER EXPORT QUOTA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, Dec. 11. The reasons for the world sugar crisis, which is receiving attention at the International Conference, are apparent from the figures, showing that world production for the 1929-30 season totalled 27,000,000 tons, compared with 18,250,000 for the 1912-13 season. The estimated consumption of 11 European countries for 14 months ending on November 31, 1931, is 1,134,000 tons.

The report of the Statistical Committee shows 2,184,000 tons available for export from European countries for the 1930-31 season, while the net exports for 1929-30 were 1,445,000.

The German, Japanese, American, and Cuban delegates this afternoon discussed the German demand for a substantial increase of its export quota, which others considered too high. Cubans and Japanese pointed out the inconsistency of demanding an increase when they had agreed to restriction.

Failure to Reach Agreement.

LATER. Following the failure of agreement between the German, Japanese, Cuban, and American delegates, the Cuban and Japanese at the first committee proposed that European countries producing surplus beet should reduce their raw exports by 15 per cent. compared with the last season.

GERMANY GRIEVED BY WAR FILM.**CENSORS BAN "ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT."**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 11. The Board of Censors is lengthily deliberating the question of prohibiting the film "All Quiet on the Western Front," which is being shown to experts, one of whom is an official of the Ministry of Defence, who expressed the opinion that the chief actor in the film had a criminal face, and the Ministry of Defence, as custodian of the old army, was bound to protest against this and other anti-German films.

Meanwhile, the Company showing the film has decided to withdraw it, whatever the Board's decision. This will be acclaimed by the National Socialists as a victory for the national movement.

OBITUARY.**SENATOR OVERMAN.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. The death is announced of Senator Overman (Democrat), of North Carolina.

BANKING CRISIS IN AMERICA.**HUGE LOAN TO STEM THE TIDE.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. Immediately after closing a notice was posted at the Head Office and branches of the Bank of the United States by the Superintendent of Banks, announcing that leading New York bankers had agreed to grant a loan of over £20,000,000 to stem the tide.

This represents 55 per cent. of the depositors' net claims.

The local branch of the City National Bank write to us as follows:—

Referring to the report published this morning through "Reuter's American Service" to the effect that the affairs of the Bank of the United States, New York, had been placed in the hands of the State Banking Department, we have received cable advice from our Head Office in New York confirming the suspension of this bank, and giving us the following information which may be of interest to your readers.

In view of their name, which they obtained in 1913 from the New York State Banking Authorities, there may be some apprehension as to their national importance, which, however, we are informed is nil. They are a non-clearing house State bank and their policies have been criticised for some time. Our Head Office advise that while they have a large number of branches in New York their closing has no fundamental significance. Our Head Office also believe that the situation in New York is relieved and no important spread of banking trouble is expected. This bank is a small one, and we must emphasize most strongly that they have no functioning relation whatsoever with the United States Government.

We append a copy of their financial statement, which was published in the 1930 edition of Rand McNally Banking Directory:—

Liabilities.
Paid-up Capital \$ 25,250,000
Surplus and Profits 10,235,500
Total Deposits 225,654,700
Other Liabilities 9,411,530
Total \$270,551,610

Assets.
Loans and Discounts \$182,337,050
Bonds and Securities 37,701,050
Miscellaneous Resources 9,017,370
Cash and Exchanges 47,846,300
Due from Banks 47,846,300
Total \$270,551,610

Another Financial Concern Fails to Open.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 12. It is announced that the State Bank Examiners have temporarily taken over the administration of the West Springfield Trust Company, which did not open yesterday after a "run" on the bank due to the suicide of the cashier.

Eight Million Defalcations in Hollywood Bank.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12. According to a statement made by one of the directors of the Guaranty Building Loan Association, an official of the Association has confessed to defalcations which are alleged to amount to \$8,000,000. The official is also connected with a bank at Hollywood which failed to open on Monday.

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION BILL.**ORIGINAL VOTE INCREASED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. The Senate to-day passed the Public Works Construction Bill, which has already completed its passage through the House of Representatives, but increased the expenditure involved from \$811,000,000 to \$816,000,000.

It was pointed out a few days ago that Bills were proposed in the Senate and Representatives dealing with relief for unemployment, involving an expenditure exceeding \$1,000,000,000, whereas the President had asked for \$350,000,000.

In a scathing denunciation President Hoover declared that some organization was playing with politics at the expense of human misery, that prosperity could not be achieved by making raids on the public treasury, and that if the Bills were put through they would involve a tremendous new burden by way of taxation.

VICEROY OF INDIA'S ENGAGEMENTS.**PRECAUTIONARY CANCELLATION.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12. The Viceroy (Lord Irwin) has abandoned his proposed visit to the Scottish Churches' College centenary celebrations, following the receipt of a letter from the Principal of the College stating that it had been learned that an attempt would be made from outside sources to mar the harmony of the proceedings.

The Viceroy has also abandoned his proposed visit on the 13th inst. to the Convention at Serampore College, 13 miles from Calcutta.

ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.**HINDU-MOSLEM "CONVERSATIONS."**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 11. Much importance is attached in Indian Round Table Conference circles to the conversations proceeding privately for the adjustment of Hindu-Moslem differences.

To-morrow's Sub-Committee meetings and the meeting of the full Conference in committee next week will reveal that excellent progress has been made with the general work of the Conference, and it is recognized that a settlement of communal differences would have the immediate effect of speeding up the tasks before the Conference.

The Prime Minister, who throughout has maintained intimate touch with the members of all the delegations and is fully alive to the difficulties which the communal questions have raised, has been closely watching the efforts for their settlement. When it became known early in the week that he was willing to place his services as a conciliator at their disposal, both Moslems and Hindus readily took advantage of it. Four of the leading men on each side, therefore, visited the Prime Minister's official residence on Tuesday and a long talk issued. The Prime Minister was accompanied by the Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, and the Attorney-General, Sir William Jowett.

Fruitful Results.
"Conversations" promising to be fruitful of results were continued yesterday, when it was deemed desirable to widen the scope of the discussion and to invite other prominent members of the Conference connected with the Provinces concerned in the negotiations to take part. Those to-day attended with the original negotiators at the House of Commons, and at the close of the meeting it was officially stated: "The Prime Minister met informally the leaders of the Hindu and Moslem communities and continued the previous preliminary 'conversations.' The discussions, which ranged over a variety of subjects, are to be resumed."

"Our Weakness."
RUGBY, Dec. 11. Mr. Winston Churchill, addressing a meeting of the Indian Empire Society, protested against the unwarrantable change in the estimation of facts of the Indian problem, which, he declared, had not changed.

He said that our weakness had encouraged the Indian extremists. The Government's duty was to promote a good administration instead of raising false hopes of speedy political changes.

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LAST "EXTRA" MEETING OF 1930.

APOLLO FAVOURITE FOR TO-DAY'S CHAMPIONS.

KEEN RIVALRY FOR SUB-GRIFFINS AUTUMN CHAMPIONS: TANGO OR BRIDGE HALL?

SOME SELECTIONS FOR PUNTERS.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

The final "Extra" Race Meeting of the season will be held to-day at Happy Valley and the principal event on the card is the Hong Kong Autumn Champions.

Oddly enough, the field for to-day's champions will be almost the same as that which faced the starter in the Annual Race Meeting this year. The winner on that occasion, Diana Bay, is absent to-day, but his place is filled, by a very strong candidate in Nationalist II. At the Annual Meeting, Apollo started favourite but was badly beaten. To-day, undoubtedly, he will again be a hot favourite, and the chances of anything beating him are lean.

The Subscription Griffins of this year will concentrate on the Subs. Autumn Champions. Tango and Bridge Hall will probably carry all the betting here and a good race should be seen. Tonbridge and Shanghai Beau are other likely starters.

GOOD PARI-MUTUEL PROSPECTS.

The public will be sorry to learn that in all probability Mr. W. T. Stanton will not be riding to-day. He was injured in an accident during the week and although he has been at the rails in the morning, he has so far not ridden again. All racers will hope that Mr. Stanton will soon be well again as he will be much missed at Fanning next Sunday if he is unable to ride.

Following the series of upsets last week, the pari-mutuels ought to pay some attractive dividends to-day. Below readers will find a discussion of the chances of the candidates together with some selections for to-day.

DECEMBER HANDICAP "A" CLASS.

It is not likely that the top weights will accept here and this should make the race extremely interesting. In the absence of Zorhan and Nationalist II, there are several ponies of about equal strength capable of winning here. Boxing Eve showed up well enough against Apollo in the seven furlongs last week to merit being recommended as the most likely pony to win here. He has 160 pounds to carry but this should not prevent him from cutting out a fast mile.

Royal Flush.—Here is a fast mover with a sporting chance of turning the tables on Boxing Eve. He will be running at 155 pounds in the saddle and the weight does not appear in any way excessive. He won a mile race a fortnight ago in great style—leading all the way round.

Cheapsake Bay.—At the weight he is carrying this pony should have an extremely good chance of getting a place. While his chance of beating Boxing Eve or Royal Flush are extremely lean in the event of a fast race, I am confident this pony will have much to say should the first half mile be slow.

I expect the field in this race will be a pretty big one as "A" class ponies must either start here or in the Autumn Champions and since a good many of them have no earthly chance in the Champions they are likely to go out in this race.

Hawatha, Windsor Stag, Pride of Teingao are other likely starters. If you want an outsider in this race try backing Hawatha.

NULLAH PLATE.

From the entries—all of which are likely to face the starter—it seems as if the race is a certainty for Peter Guernsey. This pony seems to be the pick of the bunch as he has figured in the placings more frequently than any of the others.

Thracian is a speedy customer over five furlongs and there is no reason at all why he should not get a place.

Arabian Sea looks to me as if he will and the remaining place.

Of the remaining outsiders, Billiards, Happy Day and Martini Cocktail have figured quite well during the earlier half of the season.

DECEMBER HANDICAP "B" CLASS.

Some of the biggest dividends this year have been paid in "B" Class racing during the second half of the season, among them being "San Francisco" (over \$500), O-Moon (over \$300), and King's Counsel (over \$100). African Eve was the only winner recently which did not pay out handsomely. There ought to be a very open race to-day. If the top weights are ousted Fair Sport and Marquis Hall ought to be well in the picture.

Fair Sport.—This pony won quite comfortably a fortnight ago and he won again last week. He is still good enough for a win to-day, having little real opposition against him.

Marquis Hall.—A very good candidate who is running extremely well at the moment. If Fair Sport had not done so well of late, Marquis Hall would be the best bet here.

Pickle.—No recommendation is needed here. Pickle has been picking up his old form, and to-day he may reward his constant supporters by popping up as a winner. He looks a good thing for a place.

Although King's Counsel won at the last meeting it is not likely that he will do anything to-day. Lobster Bay was badly beaten at the last meeting, as I do not think he will trouble the favourites. African Eve may not start, but if he is started I should bracket his chances with that of Fair Sport's.

HONG KONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS.

For this race the field is not likely to be big. The probable starters are Apollo, Nationalist II, President Hall, Sitting Bull and possibly Peppermint.

Apollo.—There are many who feel that the distance will beat Apollo. Although the pony was a hot favourite for the Champions at the Annual Meeting, he was beaten, not only by Diana Bay, but also by President Hall. Well, it certainly seems as if Apollo is not cut out for anything over the mile, but in spite of this he should just about win to-day's race.

Nationalist II.—Should run Apollo quite close whatever happens. This pony is capable of a lot at weight for inches. He is a very formidable customer over the mile and quarter and is certainly a safe bet for a place.

Sitting Bull.—I don't think he will beat Apollo to-day.

President Hall and Peppermint.—Neither appear to have a chance here unless by some fluke it becomes a slow race.

DECEMBER HANDICAP "D" CLASS.

I hardly know what to "tip" when I see "D" Class ponies being put down at 171 pounds and 167 pounds, respectively. Undoubtedly, Ostris and Mongolian Stag are the best ponies in this race but I think their chances are greatly minimised by the heavy imposition. I shall ignore these two in looking for a winner.

Duke of Normandy II.—This pony has disappointed so often that I think he will oblige his supporters to-day. He is very fit at the moment and has a comfortable weight to carry.

Kiribilli.—He ran very well last meeting and should repeat his performance to-day. A place seems certain.

Teuchit.—The selection of Teuchit in this race is due to the fact that the others are weighted too heavily.

HONG KONG AUTUMN SUB-GRIFFIN CHAMPIONS.

There can be no doubt but that a thrilling race will be seen here. The probable starters are Tango (Mr. Harriman), Bridge Hall (Mr. Hendr), Tonbridge (Mr. da Roza), and Shanghai Beau (Mr. Frost). In the absence of penalties of all kinds it is difficult to say with any degree of certainty who will win, but the race appears to lie between Tango and Bridge Hall.

Tango.—This pony is in fine fettle and can do the distance. He was rested last week and a fortnight ago, over the mile and a quarter, he won quite convincingly.

Bridge Hall.—Has an experienced jockey to help him. Has been running at many pounds overweight so far and might prove himself very speedy at weight for inches. The distance may prove a bit too far for him, but he has quality enough to stand him in good stead. He is extremely fit at the moment.

Tonbridge.—A very good candidate that has not been in the best of condition lately. He is capable of a good deal when he is fit.

DECEMBER HANDICAP "C" CLASS.

Here is a very even race with some good subs up against some poor class ponies. This being the case, the ex-Derby winner, Ostris Hall, should just about do it as he is running with only 152 pounds. I cannot, for instance, see Armony give this pony 19 pounds and a beating. The ponies that might extend him are all too heavily weighted.

Mount Elburz is just about due for a place and at his weight to-day (144 pounds) should have an excellent chance.

Diana.—When he won at the last meeting he gave me the impression that he could win again. The distance is against him to-day and, therefore, I cannot recommend him as anything more than an each-way proposition.

CONSOLATION STAKES.

Majestic Hall.—If Mr. J. Kui Ying gets the mount, as I hear he will, there ought to be little difficulty in picking out the winner here as Majestic Hall is head and shoulders better than the rest of the entries.

Monterey Bay.—Here is a pony that has been accustomed to running in the vicinity of 170 pounds. To-day he will only have to carry 158 pounds and should prove a hard nut to crack. Good though he is, he won't hold a candle to Majestic Hall, bar accident.

Misty Eve or New Year's Eve.—It seems more than probable that one or the other of these ponies will start here. I do not think either of them can win, but for a Misty Eve is a good bet. New Year's Eve is not so good, but since there are no other worthy candidates here even New Year's Eve may find a place.

THE SELECTIONS.

The selections for to-day are as follows:—

Race 1.

Boxing Eve.
Royal Flush.
Cheapsake Bay.

Race 2.

Peter Guernsey.
Thracian.
Arabian Sea.

Race 3.

Fair Sport.
Marquis Hall.
Pickle.

Race 4.

Apollo.
Nationalist II.
Sitting Bull.

Race 5.

Duke of Normandy II.
Kiribilli.
Teuchit.

Race 6.

Tango.
Bridge Hall.
Tonbridge.

Race 7.

City Hall.
Mount Elburz.
Diana.

Race 8.

Majestic Hall.
Monterey Bay.
Misty Eve.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

9.00 a.m.	C. B. Riggs and O. B. Maturin.
9.01 "	J. Morris and P. S. Grant.
9.12 "	and 9.10 a.m.—Not to be booked. Championship matches can go through any matches in front.
9.20 "	N. L. Smith and A. H. Mussen (Club Championship).
9.31 "	A. B. Stewart and J. K. Macfarlan (Club Championship).
9.26 "	Capt. Weir and Comdr. Priestley.
9.32 "	N. K. Littlejohn and J. S. Dykes.
9.36 "	and 9.40 a.m.—A.P.C. and Dodwell & Co.
9.44 "	E. des Voeux and S. S. Perry.
9.49 "	O. A. Leiper and D. J. Ollimore.
9.52 "	G. E. Elms and O. P. Ross.
9.50 "	and 10.00 a.m.—A.P.C. and Dodwell & Co.
10.04 "	A. H. Ferguson and L. W. Shevan.
10.08 "	A. O. Brown and N. Hampton.
10.12 "	T. C. Monaghan and C. W. Albaster.
10.16 "	and 10.20 a.m.—A.P.C. and Dodwell & Co.
10.24 "	J. D. Thomson and W. MacKenzie.
10.28 "	M. G. Marriott and J. H. Rashes.
10.32 "	G. Walsh and G. Thomson.
10.36 "	H. A. Lammert and B. D. Evans.
10.40 "	W. A. Stewart and D. Edwards.
10.44 "	J. Coulthart and E. Stone.
10.48 "	L. Yates and W. A. Cornell.
10.52 "	O. Eager and E. D. Matthews.
11.53 "	W. A. Weight and W. C. Clark.
11.00 "	S. Hillier and T. J. Price.
11.04 "	H. Lowe and S. Bailey.
11.08 "	D. Forbes and H. Spicer.
11.12 "	A. Leach and A. B. Purves.
11.16 "	H. U. Ireland and J. B. Layson.
11.20 "	J. R. Laxon and E. Kern.
11.24 "	I. R. Geare and J. Stuart.
11.28 "	T. Low and J. Harrop.
11.32 "	A. E. Liesman and J. M. Walker.
11.36 "	O. W. Jeffries and T. S. Whyte-Smith.
11.40 "	E. P. Fletcher and W. D. Harris.
11.44 "	C. E. Shank and V. J. Atkins.
11.48 "	E. C. M. Heaton and O. H. Couta.
11.52 "	H. F. Sommers and W. Worger.
11.56 "	D. P. C. Olland and G. S. Hankinson.
12 noon "	R. E. Atwell and Comdr. Trice.
12.44 p.m.	and 12.46 p.m.—Reserved.
12.52 "	N. L. Smith and A. H. Mussen (Club Championship).
12.56 "	A. B. Stewart and J. K. Macfarlan (Club Championship).

No fourballs till 1 o'clock.

WINTER GOLF TOURNAMENT.

LEO DIEGEL BEATS ESPINOSA IN CHICAGO.

San Francisco, Cal., December 7.—Leo Diegel, of New York, winner of the American professional golf championship in 1923, to-day defeated Al Espinosa, of Chicago, in the first national winter open golf tournament.

In 36 holes of match play, Diegel won over Espinosa by 1 up, and four to play. Diegel won the tournament and a purse of \$1,000. Diegel shot four "birdies" and, what is more remarkable, he did 4 holes in par.

HOCKEY.

H.K. HOCKEY CLUB v. R.S.F.F.A.

The following will represent the "Club" and XI on Monday at King's Park at 8 p.m.

W. Borrowman, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, C. J. D. Law, E. G. S. Dale, J. B. Napier-Bell, A. F. Kerrich, S. J. H. Fox, L. G. Frost, W. A. Novers, E. C. Fincher.

WIN FOR RADIO SPORTS CLUB.

Playing on the Navy ground yesterday, the Radio Sports Club registered an easy win over the Tamar and Small Ships, the score being 3 goals to 1.

The game was very fast throughout and the R.S.C. owed their victory in a large measure to their very excellent combination.

HOME FOOTBALL.

F.A. CUP AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Twenty-seven teams from the Third Division of the English League are engaged to-day in the Second Round of the F.A. Cup Competition. The winners of the 17 matches will enter into the Third Round draw, to be played on the second, Saturday in January, together with the exempted clubs, which include all the First and Second Division teams, Brighton, Hull City and the Corinthians.

Owing to the Cup matches, the Third Division League programme has been curtailed to a few matches. The following are the Cup ties and the full list of League fixtures:—

English Cup.	
Gainsborough	v. Southport.
Grimsby	v. Norwich.
Accrington	v. Torquay.
Gillingham	v. Aldershot.
Fulham	v. Halifax.
Nelson	v. York.
Gateshead	v. Folkestone.
Walsford	v. Luton.
Doncaster	v. Queen's P.R.
Scarborough	v. Notts C.
Newark	v. Lincoln.
Bristol R.	v. Crystal P.
Walsall	v. Stockport.
Wellington	v. Newport.
Carlisle	v. Wrexham.
Exeter	v. Tunbridge.
Coventry	v. Coventry.
Division I.	
Aston Villa	v. Leeds U.
Aston	v. Leeds U.
Bolton	v. Portsmouth.
Chelsea	v. Sunderland.
Grimsby	v. Sheffield U.
Huddersfield	v. Blackpool.
Liverpool	v. Arsenal.
Manchester U.	v. Derby.
Middlesbrough	v. Blackburn.
Newcastle	v. Leicester.
Wednesday	v. Birmingham.
West Ham	v. Manchester C.
Division II.	
Bradford	v. West Brom.
Burnley	v. Everton.
Millwall	v. Bradford C.
Notts Forest	v. Barnsley.
Oldham	v. Charlton.
Preston N.E.	v. Cardiff.
Reading	v. Plymouth.
Southampton	v. Bury.
Stoke	v. Port Vale.
Tottenham	v. Bristol C.
Wolves	v. Swansea.

LA BARBA A GREAT BOXER.

ONE OF THE BEST FEATHERS OF THE GENERATION.

New York, November 10.—Writing in the New York Telegram, Mr. Joe Williams states:—

"Rated off his performance against Kid Chocolate, the other night, you will have to list Fidel La Barba as one of the great featherweights of the generation. His victory over the flashy Cuban negro was impressively emphatic. I thought he fought a perfect fight. They are saying the Kid left his fight in the Harlem dance halls, and maybe he did, yet I have my doubts that he could have beaten the La Barba of the other night, no matter how well conditioned he was."

"La Barba is a great body-puncher, a shrewd judge of pace and a thoroughly game. He won the fight in the third round—a round pecked with blistering action and fierce battling. It was probably the most spirited round two featherweights ever flashed in the East. La Barba started it with a left to the chin, which spurred the Kid to a whirling onslaught. For almost a minute they stood toe to toe and traded hooks and uppercuts. In the end, it was La Barba who finally broke and gave ground, but, after he had recomposed himself, he came back and hammered the Cuban industriously with punches to the head and body."

"For the space of some 40 or 50 seconds, Chocolate took more punishment than he probably had ever taken in one round before, and at the bell he was groggy and (Continued on next column.)"

clearly in distress. It was then that it was obvious he had met his master and nothing short of a miracle could prevent the Baby Austin-sized Italian from the Coast, a 4 to 1 shot in the betting, from going to an incisive victory. That one round was enough to win the fight for him. Psychologically, the Kid was a better fighter when he walked back to his corner, and nobody knew it better than he.

"The action in one round decides a lot of fights. Dempsey was a beaten man in the first round at Philadelphia—or from the moment Tunney surprised him by meeting his opening rush with a right-hand smash to the face. Dempsey, the man-killer, wasn't accustomed to this sort of contemptuous thing from his opponents, and Tunney, the dancer, the powder-puff hitter, was probably the last man he ever expected would walk out to him, lift him across the unpolished bench, and say: 'Take that one, and like it,' or at least seem to say it."

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

RECREIO'S TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

The following will represent Club de Recreio in their league matches to-day:—

1st XI, v. St. Joseph's (Home), Kick-off 4.15 p.m.:—Beltrao, Xavier, Silva Netto, Sousa, Marques, Goano, Silva Ward, Rocha, Santos, B. Goano.

2nd XI, v. South China (Away), Kick-off 2.30 p.m.:—Lawrence, Costa, Britto, Silva, Figueiredo, Goncalves, Sousa Santos, Assis, Almeida, J. Figueiredo.

VARSITY SOCCER MATCH.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE DIVIDE TWO GOALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 11.

At Stamford Bridge to-day, the home of Chelsea Football Club, Oxford and Cambridge played a draw of one goal each in the annual inter-varsity soccer match.

Hong Kong Boy Cambridge Goalkeeper.

C. G. Edwards, of Hong Kong, was playing in goal for Cambridge.

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1.—That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:—

(a) By the insertion immediately after Article 4 of the following new Article, namely:—

43. (a) The Company may by ordinary resolution cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of such resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled:—

(b) By the insertion immediately after Article 102 of the following new Article, namely:—

102a. The Company may at any time and from time to time in general meeting by resolution authorize the General Managers to capitalize any profits of the Company not required for the time being for payment of dividend upon any preference shares of the Company or other shares issued upon any special conditions, whether standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund or otherwise, and including profits arising from the appreciation in value of the Company in respect of the net amount capitalized by paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal amount, and the General Managers shall give effect to any such resolution accordingly, and any shares allotted pursuant to any such resolution shall be distributed among the members holding shares of the Company, so far as practicable in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively, and shall be credited as fully paid by means of the profits so capitalized and the General Managers may make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by the payment of cash or by sale and distribution of the proceeds or otherwise as they may think expedient for the case of fractions. The General Managers may appoint any person on behalf of the members to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up, and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

102b. The General Managers may, with the sanction of the Company in General Meeting, declare a dividend to be paid to the members according to their rights and interests in the profits, and may fix the time for payment and may with the like sanction declare and pay a dividend or bonus out of any reserve fund and fix the time for payment thereof and may with the like sanction declare and pay bonuses to the Company's employees or any of them.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a Further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Time and Place on TUESDAY, the 9th DAY of DECEMBER, 1930, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings of the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above-mentioned Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a Further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Place on TUESDAY, the 9th DAY of DECEMBER, 1930, at 11.5 O'clock in the Forenoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1.—That the Company do hereby cancel all shares (namely, 33,277 shares numbered 27734 to 30000) which at the date hereof have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and do hereby diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

2.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from its diminished capital of \$194,001.00 Hong Kong Currency, divided into 27,723 shares of \$7.00 each to \$500,010 Hong Kong Currency divided into 71,430 shares of \$7.00 each, and that such additional shares shall be taken up and the share part paid with the original capital of the Company.

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3.—That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to capitalize the sum of \$77,030 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of January, 1931, in respect of the net amount capitalized fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of two shares for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons, respectively, and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of January, 1931.

4.—That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share the General Managers shall in lieu of issuing fractional certificates cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the General Managers and such share may at such time as the General Managers think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share.

5.—That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized out of the profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds to pay to the members holding the 27,723 existing shares of the Company as on the 1st day of January, 1931, a sum equal to \$6.00 for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons, respectively, by way of a bonus dividend out of the profits of the Company.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1930.
Per Pro. DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
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General Managers.

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The usual annual fixture was played on November 15 on the Hong Kong Bank's ground at New Leekington, with the result of a Chartered victory of 11 points (one goal, one try and a penalty) to 3 points (a penalty). It was a miserable day, with a strong wind and heavy rain, and the inevitable muddy ground. Under these conditions the game lost some of its charm of open play, though it was hard enough from start to finish. After a quarter of an hour forwards obtained the better of the issue in both light scrummages and in the loose, though the first 10 minutes saw the Hong Kong pack quite the masters until their rivals had warmed to their work.

The initial score was supplied with a well-kicked penalty from the Chartered 25 by Mills for the Hong Kong, who started by pressing strongly (H.K. 3-Ch. 0.) The Hong Kong continued to press until a quarter of an hour from the start, when the Chartered forwards started to heel the ball which resulted in one or two good three-quarter movements, only frustrated by equally good tackling, which was hard on both sides throughout the game.

The Chartered replied with a penalty, also on the Hong Kong 25, which with a wet ball and high wind against him, was well kicked by M. Robertson (H.K. 3-Ch. 3). About ten minutes from half-time the Hong Kong were untried well lost Mathews with a head injury, and soon afterwards the Chartered scored from a forward rush through good backing up by Purser. This was well converted by M. Robertson (H.K. 3-Ch. 8).

The second half was hard work for the forwards, with few outside movements with such difficult handling, but Scott, the Chartered scrum-half, had a good breakaway to get over for an unconverted try.

Player Hunt.

Unfortunately, J. Robertson, in the Chartered centre, was badly hurt in the leg and had to retire, but with a man out from the scrum the seven Chartered forwards held their own.

For the Hong Kong the forwards were well led by Bradford, though their heeling was also after the first ten minutes. Grandage played a sound game, at full back under many conditions, and the tackling was good in the outside, though they lacked pace.

The Chartered pack and halves carried the day, though they were well supported by the other outside forwards. Purser, Ethrington and M. Robertson were always to the fore, but the whole pack was keen with good heeling. Scott played well at scrum half and Houghton made great attempts with a slippery ball. The falling and tackling was very sound.

The teams were:—
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.—W. A. Grandage, back, F. J. Hebling, R. D. Armstrong, M. D. Scott, and E. A. Mathews, three-quarter backs; B. Carrick Allan and M. A. Glass, halfbacks; F. G. L. Clarke, H. Glenzie, H. R. McGilchrist, R. W. Mills, G. O. Martin, R. F. Edwards, I. H. Bradford, and P. Wright, forwards.

Chartered Bank of India.—W. N. Dickson, back; J. H. Macleod, J. Robertson, T. E. Murray, and H. G. Banham, three-quarter backs; J. M. Houghton and I. M. Scott, halfbacks; B. Hutton-Williams, J. C. MacLennan, E. H. Moffatt, J. E. Etherington, C. M. Pryle, T. M. D. Robertson, S. E. Tear, and P. M. Purser, forwards.

SWIMMING RECORD.

(THROUGH REVIVER'S AGENCY.)
BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.
The Ghent swimmer, Van Pary, swam 500 metres (breast stroke) in seven minutes and forty and two-fifths seconds, which is a world's record.

NOVEL CHALLENGE TO CARNERA.

AGREES TO MATCH FISTS AGAINST SHORT-SWORD.

Rome, November 13.—Carnera's world success has touched the vanity of the Italian fencers, who disapprove of boxing as a clumsy sport in comparison with their own fine art. Maestro Agostino Greco, one of Italy's most famous swordsmen, challenged Carnera during his stay in Rome to a novel kind of fight.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

(ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL L. G. MERR, D.S.O., D.E.)

Parades.

(a).—Corps Band:—
There will be a band practice at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, December 15.

(b).—Battery:—
1.—There will be no parade on Thursday, December 18.
2.—Camp.—The Battery will proceed to Tai Lam Camp on Friday, December 19 at 5.30 p.m. from Kowloon Ferry.

(c).—Engineers Company:—
1.—Monday, December 15. Miniature Range shoot at 5.30 p.m.
2.—There will be no D.L. instruction parade on Thursday, December 25.

(d).—Corps Signals:—
There will be a parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18.

(e).—Machine Gun Troop:—
There will be a parade at Corps Headquarters for Machine Gun instruction at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18.

(f).—Armoured Car Company:—
1.—Car Section.—Parade at Kowloon Ferry at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, December 12, and proceed to camp at Fanling.
Dress: Helmets slung on left shoulder, R.A.C. caps, khaki tunics, breeches, puttees mounted fashion, bandoliers, haversack, waterbottle, great coat and slings. Regulation pattern shirt, hose, puttees and shorts to be taken with baggage. Revolvers are to be drawn at Volunteer Headquarters between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on Friday, December 12.

2.—Motor Cycle Section:—
(i).—Annual Camp, Friday, December 12. All ranks will parade with motor-cycles outside the Kowloon Railway Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp, on Friday, December 12, ready to proceed to camp by road.
Dress: Uniform with breeches, puttees, rolled downwards, belts, Royal Tank Corps caps, helmets slung on left shoulder, haversacks and water-bottles. Great coats will be worn. Revolvers are to be drawn at Volunteer Headquarters between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on Friday, December 12.

A special lighter will be ready at the Hong Kong side to convey machines across the harbour. All machines must be on board by 5 p.m.
(ii).—There will be a parade at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Monday, December 15, for Machine Gun instruction.

(g).—Machine Gun Company:—
1.—Tuesday, December 16, at Headquarters in night. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. for training under Platoon arrangements. There will be no further parades during December and no Company orders will be issued until the beginning of January.

2.—Musketry. The next rifle meeting will take place at the Peak Range on Sunday, January 4, for the Inter-Section Cup and Monthly Spoon. Firing commences at 9 a.m.

3.—Camp. The Company will go into camp for the week-end commencing Friday, December 12. Fall in at Kowloon Railway Station at 5.25 p.m.; train leaves at 5.40 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make every effort to attend this final camp.

(h).—Scottish Company:—
1.—Annual Camp. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp, on Friday, December 12. Train leaves at 5.40 p.m.
2.—Parades on Thursday, December 18. No. 1 Platoon at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Capt. H. R. Forsyth for Arms drill. Belts and frogs will be worn.
No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Dunlop, M.B.E.

(i).—Portuguese Company:—
1.—Parades. There will be no further parades (except Musketry) this year.
2.—Part II. Classification. All those who have not yet fired Part II. Classification this training season, will proceed to Stonecutters on Sunday, December 21. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.
3.—Rifles and Bayonets. All rifles and bayonets will be returned to Corps Stores before the 23rd inst.

Area Orders.
No. 109 dated December 5, para. 5, dress, is repeated for information.

(a) Reference Area Order No. 108/a dated November 23, 1930. Services Dress will be worn by all ranks with effect from Tuesday, December 9, inclusive.

(b) Cloth mess jackets will also be worn from that date.

Struck off the strength.
Having completed three years' service:—
No. 57. Gur. L. J. F. Griffiths, Battery, as from October 27, 1930.
No. 619. Gur. J. Harrop, Battery, as from October 23, 1930.

Strongth.

The following have been taken on Corps Strength:—
No. 1633 Pte. J. A. Cooper, M.G. Troop, as from December 4, 1930.
No. 1094 Pte. F. Burrell, No. 7 Platoon, as from December 4, 1930.

Appointment and Promotions.
No. 1523 L/Cpl. A. C. Beck, No. 4 Platoon, is appointed Corporal, with effect from December 1, 1930.
No. 1257 L/Cpl. R. W. Sapsed, Armoured Car Company, Cycle Section, is appointed Corporal, with effect from December 11, 1930.

Transfer.
No. 1460 Corp. F. Lobel, M.M., is transferred to the Reserve Company, as from December 6, 1930, and reverts to the rank.

Leave.
The following have been granted absence of leave:—
No. 1420 L/Sgt. G. E. R. Divett, No. 1 Platoon, one month.
No. 1491 Corp. G. F. Byles, No. 1 Platoon, one year.
No. 1373 L/Cpl. J. L. Bonnar, No. 1 Platoon, one year.
No. 1649 Pte. W. D. Johnson, No. 1 Platoon, one month.
No. 1440 Tpr. J. H. R. Lee, M.G. Troop, four months.
No. 537 Tpr. T. Lindars, M.G. Troop, one month.
No. 725 Tpr. G. L. Lammert, M.G. Troop, one month and 12 days.

Returned from Leave.
No. 1034 Spr. H. L. Leckhart, Engineer Co., returned on December 10, 1930.
No. 905 Spr. A. A. Dand, Engineer Co., Cadre, returned on December 10, 1930.

(Sgd.) W. H. G. GOATER, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Notice.
Sergeants' Mess.—The undermentioned have been appointed to the Mess Committee.
C.S.M. H. Green,
C.S.M. A. Gilford,
B.Q.M.S. J. P. A. Davies,
Sergt. T. P. Sequeira.

A meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee will be held on Thursday, December 18, at 6 p.m. in the lecture room.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.
The following passengers arrived yesterday by a.s. Sarpaden:—Mrs. W. M. Alabaster, Mr. and Mrs. A. Antill, Major and Mrs. N. C. Bennett, Mr. F. Benson, Mr. R. N. Elias, Mr. W. J. B. Carter, Mrs. S. M. Daltiel, Miss J. H. Oalziel, Mr. H. G. Dixon, Mr. C. J. Dunn, Mr. Rev. C. H. Duppuy, D.D., Mr. Duppuy, Miss Garrow, Miss M. S. Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. Gild, Mrs. S. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Goldie, Mr. A. Good, Mrs. Goodall, Mr. W. G. Greenfield, Mr. W. M. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. W. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lingard, Miss Lingard, Master Lingard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall, Miss E. McCarthy, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pearson, Mr. A. H. A. Penn, Mr. R. Picozzi, Miss J. Picozzi, Mr. and Mrs. Picozzi, Miss Picozzi, Mr. J. A. H. Plummer, Mrs. V. F. Rafter, Mr. H. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry, Master Sherry, Miss Sherry, Mr. E. J. Sneddon and infant, Miss V. O. Taylor, Mr. C. O. Taylor, Mr. J. Tudhope, Mr. M. M. Watson.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by a.s. Torakuni Maru:—Dr. S. Miura, Lt. S. Tomono, Lt. S. Nakahara, Mr. P. C. Rehbeck, Col. F. H. James, Miss E. H. Millard, Miss M. M. Goggin, Dr. D. C. Greene, Mrs. D. C. Greene, Miss M. E. Loomis, Mrs. E. O. Loomis, Mrs. G. Ainger, Mr. W. E. Bowerman, Mr. T. C. Spence, Mr. G. H. Potts, Mr. T. G. Wall, Mr. A. Boyd, Mr. J. H. Carmichael, Mr. C. J. Hill, Mr. P. M. Silvers, Miss M. Frank, Mr. E. F. Andral, Mr. C. S. Waung, Mrs. C. S. Waung, Mr. P. C. Tang, Mr. H. Wong, Miss B. Miller, Mrs. E. T. Mo Fai, Miss Hoi Ka, Mr. Yung Kai Shee, Mr. K. Mizuma, Mr. H. Imai, Mr. V. Pavotaj, Mr. W. J. B. Brown, Miss A. D. Telavikoff, Mr. T. H. Chang, Mrs. T. H. Chang, Mr. S. S. Wong, Mr. Wong Hoi, Mr. Wo Kung, Messrs. Chang Ming Hoi, L. P. Tom, Y. Tung.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	On 18th Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & HANGKOW	On 21st Dec.	10 a.m.
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STATION	DECEMBER 11, 1930.					DECEMBER 12, 1930.				
	Hour	Temp.	Wind	Cloud	Pressure	Hour	Temp.	Wind	Cloud	Pressure
Wladivostok	12	29.80	757.0	38	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	11	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hakodate	10	29.98	761.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokyo	10	30.03	764.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kobe	10	30.00	762.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	10	30.14	765.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	10	30.08	764.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	10	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	10	30.03	764.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishikajima	10	30.10	764.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	15	30.21	767.3	42	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	30.17	766.4	59	6	ENE	2	b	...	...
Wanchow	14	30.23	767.8	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
Foochow	14	30.17	766.8	58	8	ENE	2	b	...	...
Amoy	14	30.08	764.0	60	8	E	4	b	...	...
Swatow	14	30.02	762.5	69	6	SE	2	b	...	...
Taihou	11	29.99	761.7	66	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	11	30.11	761.9	68	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	11	30.03	762.8	74	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	14	29.94	761.5	71	7	E	3	b	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.99	761.7	70	7	ENE	4	b	...	...
Gap Rock	14	29.98	761.0	74	1	SE	4	b	...	...
Macao	14	29.91	759.7	77	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hobow	14	29.96	760.9	78	8	ENE	4	b	...	...
Pratas Island	15	29.92	760.0	83	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	14	29.89	759.1	81	8	E	4	b	...	...
Tourane	14	29.83	757.6	79	6	ENE	4	b	...	...
Cape St. James	14	29.89	759.3	79	8	ENE	4	b	...	...
Baco	14	29.87	758.8	79	4	SE	2	b	...	...
Aparr	14	29.83	757.8	85	6	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	14	29.78	756.6	85	8	E	2	b	...	...
Vigan	14	29.78	756.4	79	6	ENE	2	b	...	...
Manila	14	29.76	755.6	79	8	SE	4	b	...	...
Legaspi	14	29.74	755.3	85	8	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	14	29.74	755.5	79	6	ENE	4	b	...	...
Tacloban	14	29.72	754.8	85	8	NE	4	b	...	...
Iloilo	14	29.73	755.3	79	6	SE	2	b	...	...
Cebu	14	29.73	755.3	79	6	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	14	29.73	755.3	79	6	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	29.78	756.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.32	29.78	755.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.07	29.78	755.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelew	14	29.52	757.4	78	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.52	757.4	78	...	...	...	...	...	...

December 12d. 10A. 29m.—A large anticyclone of moderate intensity is central over S.E. Mongolia. Fresh to moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 95.59 inches, against an average of 82.40 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 13.

District.	Forecast.
1.—Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoo	N.E. winds, moderate; fine.
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate; fine.
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

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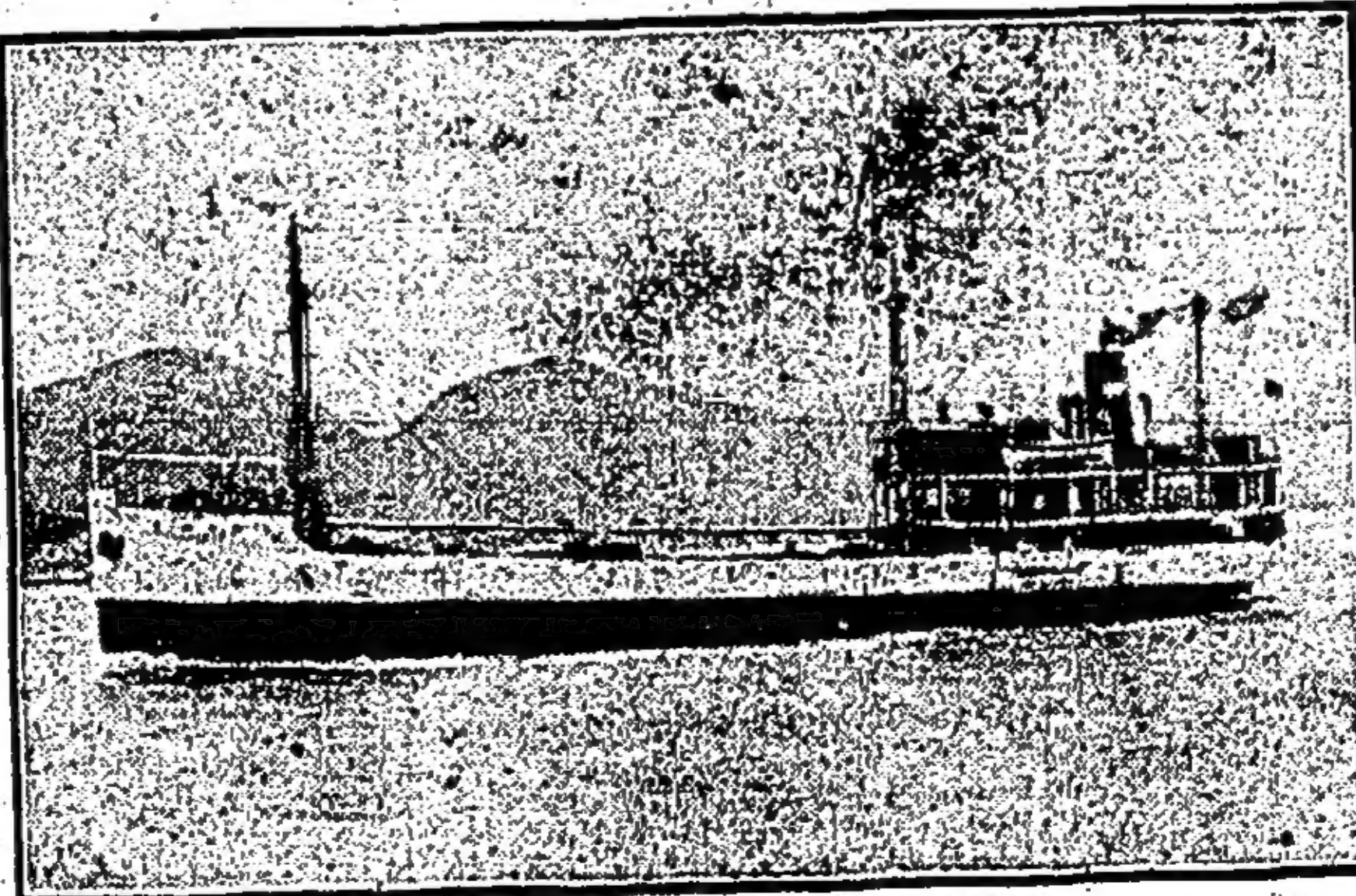
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OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG" "KUMSANG"	Mon. 29th Dec., at 7 a.m. Tues. 30th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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